

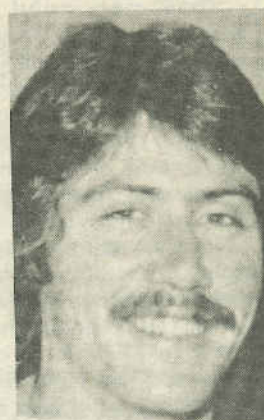
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# 22 MEN SELECT SQUAD!



STEVE O'CONNOR

DAY OF  
SHAME:  
EIGHT OFF,  
AND RIOT

BY BRAD EARL

**EIGHT** send-offs marked last Sunday's round of National League matches — with three players from the one team dismissed.

Steve O'Connor, Gerry Gomez and John Kosmina (Sydney City), Mike O'Shea (St George), Steve Watson (Sydney Croatia), Peter Beggs (Wollongong), Ian Dobson (Preston) and Ron Kremers (Green Gully) all saw red cards.

Four players — O'Connor, Kosmina, O'Shea and Watson — were selected in Australian squads last year. New national coach Frank Arok said he could not comment on any of the send-offs apart from O'Shea's dismissal during the St George — Melita game.

However, Arok pointed out that he does not want "pussycats" in his Soccerroo squad.

"If you have a player who has never been in any trouble, he is not going to cause the opposition any trouble," Arok said.

"You need live, arrogant, aggressive people — but they should be able to control their aggression and stay within the law."

Kosmina, current Australian captain, is in further hot water, as Sydney Olympic are submitting an official report on his actions after his sending-off.

"Kosmina was seen kicking the dressing-room door, and we have no alternative but to report him," Olympic president Jim Petinellis said.

The match between Sydney City and Olympic ended in a riot, with rival fans brawling.

ASW's full report is on Page 6.

BY DAVID JACK

**THERE** has been massive response to the plea by national team coach Frank Arok for help from club coaches.

Of the 24 coaches in the National League, 22 have been in touch with Arok.

Two have not. Arok doesn't want to name them but I believe the pair are Len McKendry of South Melbourne and Edmund Kreft of Adelaide City.

In the most exhaustive talent search exercise ever known in Australian Soccer, the NSL coaches have been asked to select three or four players for each position in the national squad.

This will be done three times, according to the formation specified (4-4-2, 1-3-3-3, 1-3-4-2).

That's the easy part of the assignment!

NSL coaches must also name up to five players in their own teams and fill in two different questionnaires listing everything imaginable about those players.

The details required include . . . adaptability, patriotism, competitiveness, arrogance, health, injury history, offside traps and much more.

Even such items as a gambling problem or a liking for alcohol are on the list.

The coaches have been given just one week to fill out all the forms and return them to Arok and his helpers, Atti Abonyi, Eddie Thomson, and John Margaritis.

If everyone cooperates — as seems probable — the Australian Soccer Federation will have in its possession detailed dossiers of immense scope.

About the only thing missing is what sort of marmalade the players like for breakfast . . . but maybe Arok will get round to asking that as well in due course!

The new national coach admits it is a thorough examination of what makes every leading player tick.

"When the Australian squad is finally announced, I do not want it to be called Frank Arok's squad," said Arok.

"It will be everyone's squad, if I get the help I anticipate from all the coaches."

He also refuses to concede that the intimate details on so many players are in any way superfluous.

"One of St George's success secrets," said Arok, "is

that we have reliable players on and off the field. A player's private life is terribly important. I want players who are settled in their habits — not the flashy types who play two great games and six bad ones."



ATTI ABONYI

Arok has now advanced the date for naming his squad. He hopes to release up to 40 names in the first week of April, with a first training camp in Melbourne on April 24.

That should give NSL coaches just about enough time to fill in their "exam papers."



Robbie Slater (right) challenges Sydney Olympic's Graham Jennings. They are now team-mates in the NSW squad. No-one is more ecstatic with his selection than Slater. Turn to Page 5.



## EDITORIAL

ONE of the taunts continually thrown at Australian Soccer is that this country is a haven for washed-up former British professionals.

In the past, it has been difficult to argue about that. In the bad old days, when players could be brought here willy-nilly, there were more foreigners than Australians in Australia's national team.

Even as late as last year when the Socceroos played England in three matches here, several English football writers were critical of the make-up of the Australian squad.

They mentioned the backgrounds of Socceroos like Joe Watson, Phil O'Connor, David Ratcliffe and Jimmy Cant and refused to accept these players as genuine Australians.

In the quest for the World Cup in 1966, 1970 and 1974, many foreign players wore the green and gold and, even though they were probably worthy of selection, these players were never fully accepted by the Australian public — or even by their own Socceroo team-mates.

Perhaps these thoughts were at the back of Frank Arok's mind when he selected the New South Wales squad to play Queensland in Brisbane on April 29.

Whether by accident or design, Arok came heavily down on the side of local talent. No fewer than 14 of his 18 players would be classed as fair dinkum Aussies. The only outsiders, and we use that word without animosity, are Robertson, Ratcliffe, Watson and Phil O'Connor.

Ratcliffe has hardly put a foot wrong since first playing for Australia and didn't Watson and O'Connor win the Merlion Cup in Singapore — with help from John Kosmina?

No matter how the Merlion success may be down-graded now by some foolish folk, it would have been a cruel blow to Ratcliffe, Watson and Phil O'Connor had their Singapore efforts been rewarded by omission from the new NSW squad.

The important thing though, about Arok's State squad is that it is overwhelmingly populated by local products, most of them young players who have emerged through the junior ranks.

It is most satisfying to see players like David Skeen, Paul Carter, Tony Dakos, Ian Gray, Robbie Slater and Tom McCulloch breaking through after performing so well in Youth football.

If Arok is leaning heavily on local youngsters in his State selection, will he use a similar approach when he names his national squads next month?

Presumably much will depend on how the NSW team plays against the Queenslanders.

As a principle, however, ASW has always believed it is better to give a local preference over an import, assuming ability is equal.

One of these days, Australia will field an international team made up entirely of local products.

That day may not be too far ahead if the NSW squad to meet Queensland is a fair indication of the trend.

# SOCCEROOS MUST COME OUT FIGHTING

FAILURE to persuade any of the national commercial TV networks to take on Soccer has landed the game in a corner, and turned back the clock.

This, plus the encouragement of an "ethnic" image, has again given Soccer the "foreign round-ball game" tag.

While the 0/28 network will again do a marvellous job, it is not featured in all States, and its ratings come nowhere near that of the commercials.

We now have ethnic radio, the ethnic press and ethnic TV.

We have been successfully boxed into a corner by the men behind the other codes — perhaps unintentionally, but whatever the cause we are again isolated.

And the only way we will be able to fight our way back into Australia's sport-

ing limelight is to produce a Socceroo team which will give us glory in the world arena.

That won't be easy, because apart from any lack of talent compared to the major Soccer countries, we appear unable to decide on a coach, never mind the team.

BY TOM MCKAIN

Apparently we are now going to rely on breakaway Soccer to win international matches, with the emphasis on containment, rather than attack.

If that happens, as it did against the second rate England squad which toured here last year, the tour by

the four overseas club sides will be a disaster for Australian Soccer.

And with the NSL split into two divisions the national coach won't have an easy job selecting the best available players.

If the squad is top heavy with players from one division, watch for another isolation process with the game splitting in two as officials scream for better representation.

We hope our forecasts of doom are wrong.

But on face value the new

look NSL is in for a rough ride in its first season — unless the Socceroos can come to the rescue and hoist the game into the world of

Australians, British migrants, and those "ethnics" who have deserted the code because of its "foreign" image.

## WRIGHT REJECTS OFFER

BRISBANE LIONS' Young Socceroo striker Danny Wright has rejected a possible move to Melbourne.

Wright, 19, has decided to stay in Brisbane to finish an electrical apprenticeship he has secured after nearly two years unemployed.

BY GREG RUSSELL

Although Wright does not want to comment on the approach, he said he had been sounded out last week by a person acting on behalf of a new Melbourne NSL club.

He said a prominent Victorian coach had recommended him to the new club.

"It is very flattering to think that another club wants you but it is about time I settled down and got something behind me other than football," said Wright, who is indentured to former Lions captain and Socceroo Col Bennett.

"I am still only 19 and

will be finished by apprenticeship in a couple of years. I will still be a young striker by any standards then, so hopefully the club still will be interested."

Although Wright has had a slow start to the season, the youngster is unperturbed and confident the goals will come.

"I have played enough NSL football now to realise that if I start worrying that I am not scoring the drought will last longer."

"I am improving with each game which is the main thing and I think it will be more important for me and Lions if I am scoring goals regularly later in the season rather than in these first few games."

"Once I get a few goals behind me there will be no problems," Wright said.

## NZ OLYMPIC GAMES TEAM

BY STUART BURNS

CHRISTCHURCH UNITED has three players in the New Zealand squad for three matches against Malaysia and the Olympic qualifying tournament in Singapore in April.

They are Allan Boath the NZ captain and two new signings Ceri Evans from Dunedin City and Steve

Wooddin from South Melbourne.

The feature of the squad of 22 is the omission of Mt

Wellington defender Ron Armstrong, although coach Alan Jones said the door was open for Armstrong and others to force their way into the squad later in the year.

Malaysia will play NZ in Christchurch, a night match at English Park on Wednesday, April 4. Other matches are in Wellington on March 3 and Auckland on April 17.

Both countries will be competing in the Olympic series in Singapore in April, but they are in different sections.

It was also announced this week that Northern Ireland would play three matches in NZ in early June.

One English first division side will meet another Scottish Premier league side in a series of two exhibition matches later in the season.

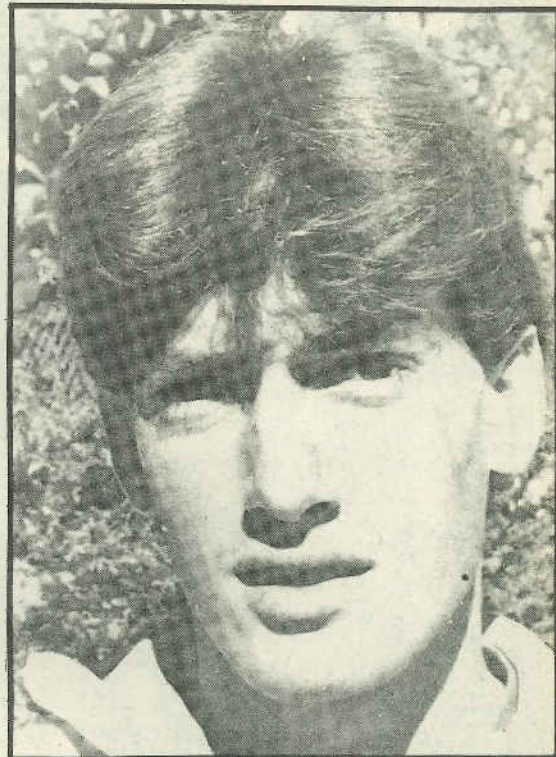
Names of teams have not been released yet, but one match will be in Auckland and the other in Christchurch.

The squad from which four players will be dropped before it assembles in Auckland on March 26 is:

Barry Pickering, Frank Van Hattum, Rudi Feitsma, Adrian Elrick, Ricky Herbert, Ceri Evans, Allan Boath, Steve Wooddin, Glen Adam, David Burgess, Keith Garland, Steve Sumner, Duncan Cole, Keith McKay, Mike Groom, Peter Henry, Peter Simonsen, Ken Cresswell, Billy McClure, Fred de Jong, Grant Turner and Colin Tuua.



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# REFS COP A HIDING

BY BERNIE HARRIS

THE article in ASW a fortnight ago by Wollongong correspondent Phil Murphy, calling for the appointment of "neutral" referees to NSL fixtures in Canberra, has caused a furore in local refereeing circles.

This comes on top of frequent complaints from visiting NSL teams in 1983 about the standard of the

ACT's men in black and several resignations from the local referees' association.

Leading referees Ken Allen and Bob Mee have departed from the scene in the last two years. Local president Mike Welsh resigned late last year after disagreement with the grading of referees by the referees examination board of the panel for this season's NSL matches.

Those gradings are: 1. Glynn Davies; 2. Vince Celestino; 3. Neil Murray.

ACT Referees Association president John Vander Lende has staunchly defended the local refs, and he has been strongly supported by the president of the National Referee's Association, Dennis McDermott, who is a former Canberra Association president.

In his article, Phil Murphy referred to the dismissal of Glenn Fontana after

only three minutes. The referee, Mr Davies, acted on the report of a linesman who came onto the field to report an offence committed on Canberra defender Paul Ontong.

Davies had no hesitation in acting on the report and showing the red card to Fontana.

That incident may have directly had a bearing on another major controversy in the second match of the season at Bruce Stadium, this time involving Neil Murray, who was in charge of his first NSL match.

A goalmouth melee, 60 seconds into the second

half, saw the ball bounce off the post to be gathered by Canberra keeper Anthony Franken. Referee Murray ruled that the ball had crossed the line and awarded a goal.

Franken was adamant that it had not, and the Arrows were so agitated, still arguing with the referee after the kick-off, that Brunswick swept downfield and scored again in the space of 15 seconds.

Canberra referees president John Vander Lende said the term "neutral referee" was highly offensive. "All referees are neutral," Vander Lende said.



Mark McGhee races away from Real Madrid's Camacho during last season's Cup-Winners' Cup Final.

## FANS ON TRIAL OVER PRICES

BY TOM McKAIN

IF the fans don't roll up to Adelaide City's home match against Heidelberg on Sunday, they may go back to cut-price tickets for the rest of the season.

City pre-sold 3,500 tickets for the match against Melbourne Croatia, their first home game for 1984, and pulled in 4,600 fans.

"It was a one-off thing which took some planning," explained football manager Bob D'Ottavi.

"It is not something you can do overnight."

"At \$2 a head, it saved fans \$2. If they don't come to see us at the old price, then we will have to try another cut."

But while he was pleased with the reaction to the half-price gimmick, D'Ottavi still reckons guest players are the answer.

"The problem is to get them at the right price and to have a guarantee they will play for 90 minutes a time and not just come for a holiday," he said.

Meanwhile, coach

Edmund Kreft is still looking for two players to bolster his meagre squad.

## SYDNEY SOCCER SIZZLER!

SUNDAY's St George v Leichhardt Apia battle at St George Stadium looks to be a real sizzler — one of the truly big contests of the year.

A couple of weeks ago, it would have looked a safe win for Saints. Not now. Frank Arok's team were surprisingly beaten by Parramatta Melita last Sunday and, at the same time, Leichhardt had a valuable 2-1 win over Blacktown.

On top of this, St George are short of two O'Shea brothers. Robbie is recovering from a broken leg and Mike is automatically suspended after being sent off against Melita.

St George and Leichhardt are level with five points apiece. Saints admit they have a man-sized problem filling the gaps in their side because their is not a lot of depth in the squad.

Leichhardt could spring a surprise win: whichever way it goes, the match ought to be a crowd-pleaser.

BRITISH teams stormed to impressive victories in the quarter-finals of the three major European competitions, several getting through to the semi-finals against huge odds.

Liverpool, who could only scrape through 1-0 in the home leg of their tie against Sporting Lisbon, travelled to Portugal to grab a great 4-1 win (5-1 on aggregate).

Manchester United also upset the odds for a brilliant 3-0 win against Barcelona at Old Trafford, after trailing 0-2 from the Spanish leg of the match.

Aberdeen, too, overturned a 0-2 deficit from their first leg in Budapest against Ujpest Dozsa to win 3-0 at Pittodrie for a 3-2 winning aggregate.

Other UK teams to reach the semi-finals were Nottingham Forest, Tottenham Hotspur and Dundee United.

Best individual performance came from Mark McGhee, the Aberdeen striker. He scored a hat-trick to kill Hungarian hopes of European success.

Bryan Robson, captain of Manchester United and England, was also goal-happy. He scored two of United's goals against Barcelona with Irish international Frank Stapleton getting the other.

Italy still has a strong hand with A.S. Roma in the European Cup semi-final and Juventus in the Cup Winners Cup, but Juventus were anything but impressive in their

## UK TEAMS TOPS IN EUROPE

win against the part-timers of Haka Valkea of Finland. Juventus scored in 1-0 in Turin. They were victors in the first leg in Finland by a similar score.

SEM-FINAL draw for the European competitions:—

EUROPEAN CUP

Dundee United (Scotland) v AS Roma (Italy).

Liverpool (England) v Dinamo Bucharest (Romania).

CUP WINNERS' CUP

Manchester United (England) v Juventus (Italy).

Porto (Portugal) v Aberdeen (Scotland).

UEFA CUP

Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia) v Tottenham Hotspur (England).

Nottingham Forest (England) v Anderlecht (Belgium).

Matches home and away on April 11 and 25, with the first-named team at home in the first leg.

Quarter-finals, second leg CHAMPIONS' CUP: Dundee United, Scotland, 1, Rapid Vienna, Austria, 0 (aggregate score 2-2; Dundee United wins on away goals); Dynamo Berlin, East Germany, 2, Roma, Italy, 1 (0-3); Dinamo Bucharest, Romania, 1, Dinamo Minsk, Soviet Union, 0 (2-1); Benfica, Portugal, 1, Liverpool, England, 4 (1-5).

CUPWINNERS' CUP: Manchester United, England, 3, Barcelona, Spain, 0 (3-2); Aberdeen, Scotland, 3, Ujpest Dozsa, Hungary, 0, after extra time (3-2); Juventus, Italy, 1, Haka Valkeasosken, Finland, 0 (2-0); Shaktyor Donetsk, Soviet Union, 1, Porto, Portugal, 1 (3-4).

UEFA CUP: Sturm Graz, Austria, 1, Nottingham Forest, England, 1, after extra time (0-1); Austria Vienna, 2, Tottenham, England, 2 (2-4); Hajduk Split, Yugoslavia, 2, Sparta Prague, Czechoslovakia, 0, after extra time (0-1); Spartak Moscow, Soviet Union, 1, Anderlecht, Belgium, 0 (3-4).

# St George v Leichhardt-Apia

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# GAMES SHOULD BE LATER

ONE of the most sensible decisions made by the National Soccer League is that clubs can, within reason, decide what time they should kick-off their matches.

Unfortunately, many clubs, without showing much vision, did not take advantage of the NSL decision and, instead, stuck rigidly with the traditional 3pm Sunday starting time. This was particularly unsuitable and unpleasant on a very hot Sydney weekend recently.

I went to see Sydney Croatia playing Sydney Olympic at King Tomislav Park. Believe me, the spectators were melting. The temperature hit 30 degrees-plus. And if spectators were uncomfortable, you can imagine how the players must have felt.

On the same day, I travelled to St George Stadium where the kick-off between Saints and Marconi was 5pm. Conditions were far more comfortable and this, no doubt, accounted for the very high standard of Soccer served up by two good teams.

I realise floodlights are not available at several grounds and this rules out starting matches at 5pm or later. But Blacktown made an effort to avoid mid-afternoon heat by delaying their home game kick-offs until 4pm.

We Soccer people are a very conservative bunch. We tend not to change established procedures. Take the matches in the NSL last weekend. All were scheduled for three o'clock

on Sunday afternoon. This, despite, the fact that Marconi Stadium, Melita Stadium and Henson Park all have acceptable lighting systems.

Sunday is the best day for Soccer as far as match attendances are concerned but I cannot believe it is essential to play EVERY NSL game on the one day.

## ASW STAR WRITERS

What is wrong with a Friday night game under lights? Or a midweek game, say on a Wednesday night? And surely there should be the occasional Saturday fixture.

As I said, the NSL is quite happy to permit clubs to arrange dates and kick-off times to suit local conditions. It is time the clubs showed more enterprise and made a few experiments in this field.

I mentioned the two matches I watched in one day. A further word about them. They were very important fixtures between four teams going flat out for honours in the National League. Yet, despite the importance of those games, there was hardly one inci-

dent that merited criticism. It was tough but it was fair. That's what Soccer is all about.

Allow me to congratulate all the players involved at King Tomislav Park and St George Stadium.

BY TONY BOSKOVIC

# OUTSIDERS PROVIDE 'THE SKILL'

THE two-horse race at the top of the English First Division between Liverpool and Manchester United provides an interesting picture of player background with these two great clubs.

Only half of the players are of English background.

United has Irish strikers, Frank Stapleton and Norman Whiteside and Dutch midfielder Arnold Muhren.

Liverpool has a Rhodesian goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar, Scottish centre back Alan Hansen, Scottish midfielder Graeme Souness, Australia's Craig Johnston, Irishman Ronnie Whelan, Welshman Ian Rush, plus Scotsman, Kenny Dalglish.

Liverpool and Manchester United have always fielded many Scottish and Irish players in their ranks.

George Best, Denis Law and Ian St John are just

three of the more famous.

These players produce at club level innovation and skill which is missing at the national team level with England.

However, many people who are watching English Soccer on television here in Australia have complained to me of the declining quality of the game in England.

One major reason for this seems to be the enormous fitness of the English players which is allowing them to put tremendous pressure on the man with the ball.

This is much easier to do in England's cool climate where the games are played on grounds usually well under the maximum allowed width and length.

English grounds, like Fulham and Arsenal, are much smaller than that of the St George Stadium and other of our grounds.

Under the pressure of continual harassment the English club teams are just not able to find the skill to allow them to slow down the game and make room for more composed and calculating Soccer.

Indeed what the coaches have done is to insist on one touch Soccer so that players do not have to dwell on the ball for any length of time.

However, ironically, one touch Soccer is a game for really skilful players.

The Brazilians are great one and two touch players, but they don't play it all the time, all over the field, which the English club sides now so often attempt.

Because of this over emphasis on one touch play



BY MIKE JOHNSON

the English game is speeded up to an even more hectic pace by players who are just not capable of keeping possession of the ball while playing at 100 miles an hour.

Consequently the play is continually breaking down with no sequence of passing to delight the Soccer enthusiast.

Nor do we see the dribbling and close ball skills which delight the true Soccer watcher.

All of these blemishes appear to be disenchanting the English spectator and he is staying away from the games.

It also does not seem to be helping the cause of the English national team whose results in recent times have been very poor to say the least.

Even the most modest opposition such as Australia and Norway can stymie England's non-innovative players when they are confronted with packed defences.

KENNY DALGLISH



DAVID JOHNSON

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## Congrats

CONGRATULATIONS on your coverage on Soccer for 1984.

Good to see Tony Boskovic as one of your new writers. I'm sure he will have some good stories to tell, and its good to see his heading this week of Soccer-bashing.

Soccer surely must be the greatest game in the world, although unfortunately out here it doesn't seem to be getting a fair go.

It amazes me in the column beside it by Mike Johnson, Craig Johnson reckoning that Australians can't play Soccer.

They didn't do too bad from what I saw at Lang Park last year, and with a population around 15 million compared with England's 60 million, I reckon England needs a jolt or two to improve their position in world Soccer.

I always imagined that Craig would have made himself available for Australia in place of England. When Glen Hoddle is left out of the England team so often I reckon there is something wrong over there.

Having played a fair bit, I imagine players out here playing on harder grounds to me must make better players with the ball being harder to control.

Anyhow, I also say how about a wee bit of Soccer gossip to the West Aussies and the Tasmanians. NSW is not the only place where it's played.

S.McGREGOR, Inala, Qld.

## Set straight

I CANNOT let Mrs Divani's letter (ASW 13/3/84) go without setting the record straight.

Firstly, it is not a requirement of "some clubs" that players selected for State teams should return to the club/association from which they were selected.

It is a requirement of both the NSW Soccer Federation and the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation, and applies to players senior as well as junior, professional as well as amateur, and is designed to protect the interest of the clubs/associations, most of whom spend from \$10,000 to \$15,000 a year on their representative teams.

Secondly, the signing of the undertaking by the parents of junior, amateur players is entirely voluntary. If parents want their son to represent the State then they sign — if they don't want their son to represent then they don't sign. Are the State officials asking too much when they ask parents who have pledged their word to abide by it?

Let me deal with the specific case raised by your correspondent; the team the "boy" played with last year has won its two Youth League games played to date, and according to last

year's coach, is "firing very well". Not bad for a team that has fallen apart, eh? Last year the player trained two nights a week. My information is that the team he wanted to join trains three nights a week. What would happen to his schoolwork with an extra night out of it?

Finally, what sort of chaos would ensue if the 90,000 registered players in this State were allowed to play wherever they liked? The rules are formulated, and administered for the good of Soccer, not the individual participants.

In the instance of the player who was granted a clearance, the Appeals Committee of the NSWASF and the Sydney Branch judge each case on its individual merits. It so happens that a majority of the Appeals Committee hearing these appeals considered that this player's case warranted the appeal being granted.

If I may finish on a philosophical note, what is the world coming to when parents can bring their sons up believing that giving your word doesn't mean you have to keep it?

F.R. BONES, French's Forest, NSW.

## Aggressive

TAKE a bow, Bernie Harris. Your call for a shoot-out to determine one extra match point for a drawn fixture is spot-on.

Three points for a match win, two for a shoot-out result and one for a shoot-out loss is EXACTLY what the sport needs if we are to move with the times. To hell with tradition, the Australian paying public has proven it wants excitement... and while a 0-0 draw can be entertaining to the purist, there simply aren't enough of them supporting Soccer.

To take matters further, let us have more activity in mixing the Australianisation of Soccer with our ethnic interests. We must take on the other football codes aggressively, not wait for Aussies to discover the sport.

St George owe part of their success to having a community-known name and strip — the ethnic attachment does not matter. Kids in the area want to support and play for St George — that matters!

Melita are on the right track with the Parramatta attachment and should cash-in on the Rugby League's success in their area by using their blue and gold strip as their main, not alternate, outfit.

We have the biggest junior sport in the nation — but our kids mostly do not follow the national teams because they have no feeling of association with them.

V. NICOLIS, Pennant Hills, NSW.

## SOFT BALL SHOULD'VE BEEN CHANGED

PLEASE would someone explain to me why a referee takes no notice whatsoever when players complain that the ball they are playing with is too soft?

From my very first touch of the ball during our recent game against Penrith, it was obvious to me and other players the ball just was not hard enough.

But our complaints to referee Doug Rennie were just laughed at.

It is too much to ask to change the match ball or at least have it tested? Correct

me if I'm wrong, but any player knows as I do that a soft ball just won't perform as you want it to, and surely Doug Rennie, one of our best referees, is aware of this fact.

Surely it is better to stop the game for a few seconds or change balls briefly so the ball in question can be put right. Let's face it, a



BY JOE WATSON

pressure gauge can be wrong or faulty.

Players themselves have absolutely nothing to gain by making false complaints about the match ball, so why Doug Rennie took no notice of those complaints beats me.

By half-time my frustration got the better of me and I had some heated words with Doug on the way to the dressing rooms. He then said he would CHECK the ball. Great stuff, eh! With half the game gone, now he thought he'd check the ball — what a joke.

Come on Dougie, you can do better than this.

Referees want respect from players' judgment regarding the match ball in this instance would have helped.

An inferior match ball certainly is not going to help the game as a spectacle and it is therefore in the players' and the spectators' interests for the referee to make every effort to make sure the ball is up to standard.

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# YOUTH REJECTS BREAK THROUGH

TWO young players rejected from Australian Youth teams have been rewarded with selection in the NSW State squad to play Queensland.

St George striker Robbie Slater and Leichhardt midfielder Ian Gray have moved a step closer to realising a lifelong dream — being selected in the Australian team.

Slater was ecstatic with his selection.

"I must admit I was fairly surprised about being selected, although I'm pretty pleased with my form this year. I just want to continue with my progress," Slater said.

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

"The individual coaching that Frank Arok and assistant Frank Lang have given me has been excellent. If you have a problem with a particular part of your game, they are both very good at helping you solve it."

Slater enjoyed a successful stint with English First Division club Nottingham Forest during the off-season. In 13 games he

scored 11 goals playing in the reserves and "A" teams.

In 1982 Slater was snapped up by Arok from Auburn and played five games in the Saints youth team before winning a position in the first XI. His performances didn't go unnoticed by Australian Youth coach Les Scheinflug and he was selected in the squad that year.

Disappointment struck Slater on his return from the Joao Havelange tournament in Mexico. He received a phone call from the ASF informing him that his services were no longer needed.

The rest is history. Slater was in dazzling form in pre-season tournaments at the start of last year, but in an Ampol Cup game against Marconi he broke his leg.

Four weeks before the Youth team was to leave for the World Youth Championship finals in Mexico,

Slater resumed playing for St George, but his attempt to be reinstated in the squad was unsuccessful.

Ian Gray's hard work and perseverance has finally paid off.

An industrious, hard-tackling midfielder, this year will be his sixth at Leichhardt.

"I am very surprised with my selection. It's great to be given a chance and being noticed. It's a step in the right direction," Gray said.

At first he was playing as a central defender, but with Mark Pullen and Peter Wilson having a stranglehold on these two positions, he switched to the midfield. He hasn't looked back since.

Like Slater, Gray experienced problems with the Youth team, but in 1981.

After the second NSL game in 1981, he was included in the squad and travelled to Indonesia, Taiwan and Hong Kong.

Gray attended numerous

camp with the squad — forfeiting valuable school time during his final year. He attended a two-week camp in Canberra three weeks before the Championships.

Coach Schienflug named an 18 man squad at the end of the camp and Gray was not included.

"I could handle not being selected, but it was the events after this that upset me most," Gray said.

At the end of the WYC, Australian along with Egypt and the USA were invited to compete in a tournament in China. Gray was asked to go but had to consider because it was time for him to sit for his Higher School Certificate.

He was ready to leave with the team but had encountered visa problems.

He was advised that he would leave for China two days after the rest of the team left, but when contact was made with ASF they didn't know anything about his predicament.

All this occurred during the week of his final exams. As well as missing the trip to China he also missed out on gaining his HSC.

Ian Gray (right) is set to pounce against Marconi's Atti Carbone



## LIONS SHOW THEIR FORM

BY GREG RUSSELL

THREE Brisbane Lions players have been added to the Queensland squad currently preparing for the interstate clash against New South Wales at Perry Park on April 29.

They are Lions captain and midfielder John Stewart, striker Jim McDonagh and young full-back Steve Jackson.

The Lions trio were added to the 16-man "interim" Queensland squad after Lions' entertaining and fighting 1-1 draw with Sydney Olympic at Richlands.

Stewart, the older brother of Young Socceroo Russell, was a surprise omission from the original

squad. He has been in outstanding form and successfully blotted out Brisbane City's Frank Pimblett in the opening NSL derby.

His work-rate and verbal guidance have been one of the major factors behind Lions' promising start to the season.

McDonagh, who scored Lions' goal against Olympic, has finally begun to produce the football his illustrious Scottish past

promised when he arrived in Australia early last year.

The Scottish winger scored five goals in the local pre-season competition and has been Lions' most dangerous forward to date in the NSL.

He seems to have thrown off the injury worries he had last season and is set for a big year.

Jackson has been pushing for bigger things for more than 12 months. The talented full-back was a member of the successful 1982 Queensland Youth team and gained selection in Les Scheinflug's original Young Socceroos squad.

But he was later cut from the squad, which prompted

the youngster to give football away for nearly six months. He was coaxed back into the game and was Lions' best and most consistent player in Premier League last season.

Jackson was preferred to former Socceroo Alan Niven in the opening NSL clash and has made the most of his chance. He now has been switched back to right-back to allow Niven to resume his old spot on the left.

The loss of Redmond could be a more telling blow to Lions than to Queensland, although Bruce Stowell's squad still looks bare in the goal-getting department.

STEVE JACKSON of Brisbane Lions (left) moves away from Sydney Olympic's Mark Koussas. Jackson has been included in the Queensland squad.



## GOALIE WOES FOR LIONS

BY GREG RUSSELL

BRISBANE LIONS may be forced to enter the transfer market to buy a new goalkeeper after the club's second and third team keepers broke fingers last week.

Robbie Farrow, who has been training on loan from Acacia Ridge, broke his little finger on his left hand during shooting practice, while third team keeper Mike Mollee broke the

same finger in a trial game.

Lions still have youngster Greg Marshall on call, but the only other keeper at the club, Brett Beves is on the transfer list.

Lions had to buy Black-

town United's Wayne Evans — now the club's NSL custodian — when Beves failed to agree to a contract earlier this season.

Farrow's injury is a continuation of tragic bad luck. He was selected in the Queensland squad for the match against New South Wales last year, but broke a bone in his hand during training.

After recovering from that injury he went to Lions for pre-season training, but injured his shoulder in his first trial game at Richlands.

When he broke his finger last week, Farrow was attending only his second training session since re-

covering from the shoulder injury.

At this stage Lions are looking only locally for a replacement.

Former Polish international Joe Sikorski, on the transfer list at Sunnyside, is one alternative Lions may consider.

Mount Gravatt youngster Stuart Woodruffe has been in outstanding form and wanted to come to Lions this year. But the youngster, who has been picked in the Queensland squad, has now signed a new contract with Mount Gravatt, and no doubt would attract a hefty transfer fee.

## SURPRISES IN NSW SQUAD

BY BRAD EARL

NEW SOUTH WALES' State team contains some surprise selections — as national and State coach Frank Arok takes the first step towards finalising his Socceroo squad for international matches ahead.

But the selections for the match against Queensland on April 29, are not as surprising as some of the omissions.

Gone are seven players who were in the national squad that brought home the Merlion Cup from Singapore four months ago, and another man who was selected for the tour but withdrew through injury.

The rejected players are goalkeepers Bruce James and Steve Watson, stopper Steve O'Connor, defenders or midfielders Tony Henderson (who was vice-captain) and Jimmy Cant, attacking midfielders Peter Katholos and Peter Tredinick, and striker Mark Jankovics.

Some of these players could be casualties of the Arok-for-Les Scheinflug coaching switch.

Young players have been given their chance to impress in the State game, with selection of full-backs David Skeen (22) and Paul Carter (20), central defender Tony Dakos (20), midfielders Peter Raskopoulos (22), Jimmy Patikas, Ian Gray and Tommy McCulloch (all 20), and striker Rob Slater (19).

Three Sydney Olympic players just older are goalkeeper Peter Wilson (23), left-back Graham Jennings (24) and striker Marshall Soper (23).

The experienced players in the squad are keeper Ter-

ry Greedy, central defenders Alex Robertson and David Ratchiffe, midfielder John O'Shea, and attackers Phil O'Connor, Joe Watson and John Kosmina.

Four of the 18 players picked will be omitted from the squad.



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# ROUND UP

## SICK, NOT SLICK

BY TOM ANDERSON

THE gory details of the Olympic v Slickers clash read more like the epitaph for the NSL in Sydney rather than the match report of what should have been one of the most attractive fixtures of the season.

Three players sent off — Steve O'Connor, John Kosmina and Gerry Gomez of Sydney City... six booked... fights between rival supporters after the game... the panels of a dressing-room door smashed in by an irate City player... what a tragedy for the game of Soccer in 1984.

The scoreline in this game was 2-1 for the Slickers, but this seems uni-

mportant on this day of shame.

If this is what winning Soccer is all about, then the game at NSL level in Australia is in a very sick state indeed.

Slickers attitude left me cold and they will win no friends with the approach they adopted on Sunday.

After the game, coach Eddie Thomson blamed referee Richard Lorence for

not gaining control.

Big Eddie should take a long look at the antics of some of his players and his own conduct on the bench before pointing the bone at anyone.

This was a sad afternoon for the code in Sydney and one that has done great damage to the credibility of the NSL.

For the record Peter Katholos scored for Olympic and John Kosmina and Murray Barnes for Slickers.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Wilson; Rogers, Lambropoulos, Coady, Jennings; Raskopoulos, Patikas, Phillips, Katholos; Soper, Koussas (Kalantzis 62).

SYDNEY CITY: Pez-zano; Cant, Robertson, O'Connor, Lynch (Lee 34); Kay, Watson, Barnes, Gomez; Kosmina, Fletcher (Murray 80).

REFEREE: R.Lorence. CROWD: 4,380.



Jim Patikas crashes to the ground in a tackle with Gerry Gomez in the Sydney Olympic — Sydney City match at Pratten Park.

## LEICHHARDT SHOW COMPOSURE

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

A POOR crowd of 1,250 people was on hand to witness Leichhardt's inspiring 2-1 win against Blacktown City at Henson Park.

The second half didn't reach the same heights as the first. Both sides were eager to push forward, but Leichhardt showed more control and composure.

At times, Blacktown looked vulnerable in defence, gaining possession and then off-loading with panic clearances. Leichhardt took advantage through their midfield combination of Butler, Tredinnick and Gray.

The back-four were effective against the relatively inexperienced Blacktown forward-line of Larkin, Sandy and McLaughlin, and front-runners Morsello, Caban and Bradley created havoc up-front for the home team.

Blacktown took an early lead in the fourth minute. Adam Sandy, signed from Northampton in England during the off-season, drove the ball towards goal and it deflected off Leichhardt's Ian Gray and past goalkeeper Bobby Parkes.

This didn't deter Leichhardt and they continually pushed forward looking for the equaliser.

Blacktown keeper Barry Hoare, who should be commended on keeping the scoreline down to two, was kept busy throughout the game.

Peter Tredinnick scored the best goal of the game in the 38th minute. A corner from Tony Morsello was cleared by the Blacktown defence and from 25 metres "Treds" let loose with a scorching drive through the crowded goalmouth.

In the 53rd minute Leichhardt scored their match-winning goal. John Bradley made a menacing run down the right side,

and his low drive was parried by Hoare but Morsello was on hand to score from close range.

Blacktown fought hard to equalise in the remaining minutes and on three occasions Leichhardt keeper Bobby Parkes was called on to produce timely saves.

LEICHHARDT: Parkes, Bottalico, Brown,

Bertogna, Pullen, Butler, Bradley, Gray, Caban (De Ceglie 60), Tredinnick, Morsello.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Hoare, Wheatley, Shaw (Rasmussen 68), Dunleavy, Pointer, Selva, Byrne, Thornthwaite, McLaughlin, Larkin, Sandy.

REFEREE: A.Owens. CROWD: 1,250.

## IT ALL HAPPENS IN CANBERRA!

BY BERNIE HARRIS

THE National Sports Centre in Canberra is fast gaining a reputation as the scene of some of the most sensational decisions in Australian Soccer.

And the abandonment of last Sunday's match between Canberra Arrows and South Melbourne with only eight minutes remaining and the visitors leading 3-2 adds further to the growing saga of controversial refereeing decisions in the national capital.

Referee Glynn Davies called a halt to proceedings after 82 minutes with the crowd of 2,000 laughing at the farcical conditions as players slipped, slopped and slushed through sheets of water.

The blinding rain reduced visibility to the point where Davies said he could not see the players.

South Melbourne coach Len McKendry was furious as confusion reigned supreme.

He was told that the referee had called off the game for 10 minutes to see whether the rain would abate sufficiently for the match to be concluded.

McKendry said as he ran back to the dressing-room: "We are up 3-2. The conditions are the same for both teams. If he was going to call it off he should have done so 20 minutes ago."

Arrows coach Doug Collins agreed that the match should have been stopped earlier.

He claimed that if the referee had abandoned play after 15 minutes of torrential rain, the problem created by South Melbourne's extra goal would have been avoided.

The "winning" goal came after 79 minutes when a Jim Murray back-pass bogged two metres from the defender, allowing Doug Brown to nip onto the ball and drive it past a waterlogged Tony Franken.

CANBERRA: Franken, Jones, Hogg, Murray, Redmond, Farina, Phillips, Bryant, Brockbank, Mihailidis, Sermanni.

STH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Yzen-doom, Crino, Blair, Davidson, Murphy, Egan, Brown, Kalifatidis, Kanesoulis.

REFEREE: G.Davies. CROWD: 2,000.

## NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

**SOUTH**  
GREEN GULLY 2 (Vassallo, Carter) BRUNSWICK 3 (Sweeney, Ward, Swinscoe) at Green Gully Reserve. Crowd: 2,500.

FOOTSCRAY 0 WEST ADELAIDE 1 (Malabazos) at Schintler Reserve. Crowd: 1,500.

ADELAIDE CITY 0 PRESTON 0 at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 2,221.

MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (Campbell, Gojevic) SUNSHINE 0 at Olympic Park. Crowd: 2,500.

HEIDELBERG 3 (Selemidis, Vagias, Patterson) BRISBANE LIONS 1 (R. Stewart) at Heidelberg. Crowd: 2,000.

BRISBANE CITY 1 (Liddell) SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Arnold) at Spencer Park. Crowd: 2,600.

**NORTH**  
LEICHHARDT 2 (Tredinnick, Morsello) BLACKTOWN 1 (Sandy) at Henson Park. Crowd: 1,250.

PENRITH 3 (Jackson, Colusso, Hale) WOLLONGONG 2 (Bundalo, Fontana) at Cook Park. Crowd: 701.

MARCONI 2 (Brown, Lowe) NEWCASTLE 1 (Morgan) at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 1,742.

PARRA MELITA 1 (Duarte) ST GEORGE 0 at Melita Stadium. Crowd: 2,200.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Katholos) SYDNEY CITY 2 (Kosmina, Barnes) at Pratten Park. Crowd: 4,380.

CANBERRA 2 (Bryant, Farina) STH MELBOURNE 3 (Brown, Yzen-doom, Egan) at Bruce Stadium. Crowd: 2,000. Match abandoned after 82 minutes.

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SUNSHINE	4	0	2	2	1	4	2	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	3	1		
GREEN GULLY	4	0	1	3	3	8	1	0	0	2	2	5	0	0	1	1	1	3	1		

## YOUNGSTERS GRAB GOALS

BY BRAD EARL

TWO promising youngsters got amongst the goals as Penrith City defeated Wollongong City 3-2 at Cook Park.

Wollongong's Alex Bundalo, 17, won the ball from a throw-out by the Penrith goalkeeper Mike Gibson, then showed skill by rounding a defender and shooting home.

That goal, five minutes after half-time, neutralised Penrith's opening goal, scored by Brian Jackson from the penalty spot in the 20th minute.

The score stayed at 1-1 until the final six minutes, when substitute midfielders, Dennis Colusso and David Hale, put Penrith into a 3-1 lead. Wolves striker Glenn Fontana scored with a minute to go.

It was an 18th birthday

present for left-footer Hale, who came on at half-time. Although inexperienced, he has played well in his NSL appearances for the Panthers.

Paul Daley, at sweeper, and midfielder Ian Wotherspoon, who laid on the final two goals, were effective, while for Wollongong, goalkeeper Ron Tilsed and central defender Ray Vlietstra stood out.

Wollongong coach Adrian Alston laid blame for the defeat on the fact that the side was reduced to 10 men with the send-off of striker Peter Beggs by referee Terry Seacy.

The charge was foul and

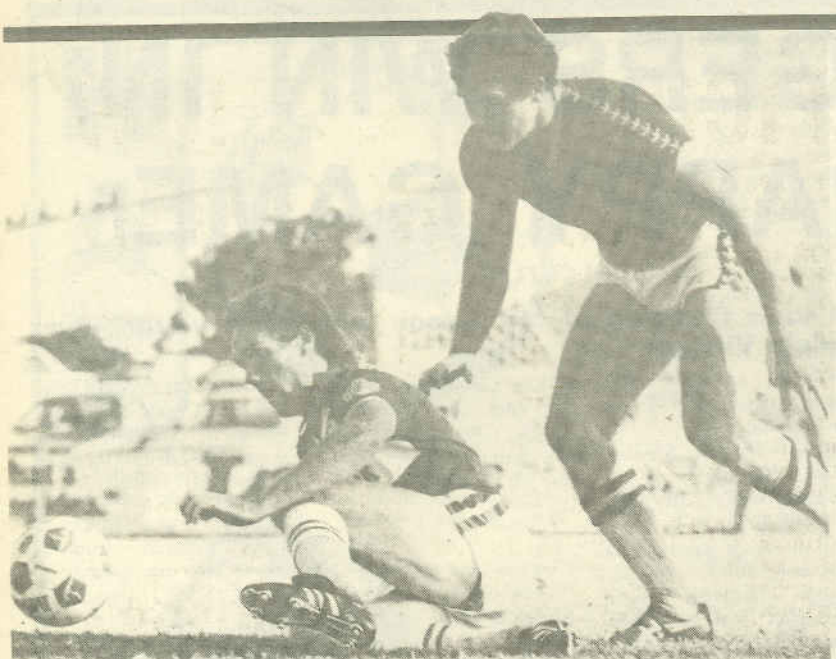
abusive language to the referee. After the match, Beggs said that he had complained that his shirt was being held by a defender, saying: "He's got my .... shirt again."

PENRITH: Gibson; Brogan, Cross, Daley, McIntosh; Wotherspoon, Lindsay (Colusso 78), Fitzharris (Hale 45); Hunter, Cotton, Jackson.

WOLLONGONG: Tilsed; Green, Vlietstra, Hristovski; Willis, Gaffney (Kukulovski 82), Bundalo, Condron (Kerr 14); Kotamanides, Beggs, Fontana.

REFEREE: T.Seacy. CROWD: 701.





ROD BROWN: Marconi scorer

## LOWE, BROWN LIFT LES

BY NEIL JAMESON

**LES SCHEINFLUG'S initiative in uniting national youth strikers David Lowe and Rod Brown finally paid dividends when the pair scored the vital goals in Marconi's 2-1 win over Newcastle United at Bossley Park.**

Brown opened the account in the 32nd minute with a deceptive turn that enabled him to force a low shot past Clint Gosling.

The goal sparked Marconi's latent confidence and they stroked the ball around in a style that threatened to over-run an outgunned Newcastle.

The afternoon might have been very different for Lowe, the ex-Newcastle striker. When Atti Carbone won a fortuitous penalty late in the first half, a nervous Lowe fired the spot kick over the bar.

But in the 52nd minute, with Newcastle pressing for an equaliser, the ball was swept downfield to Brown who dashed to the by-line before dragging a perfect pass for Lowe to slot home.

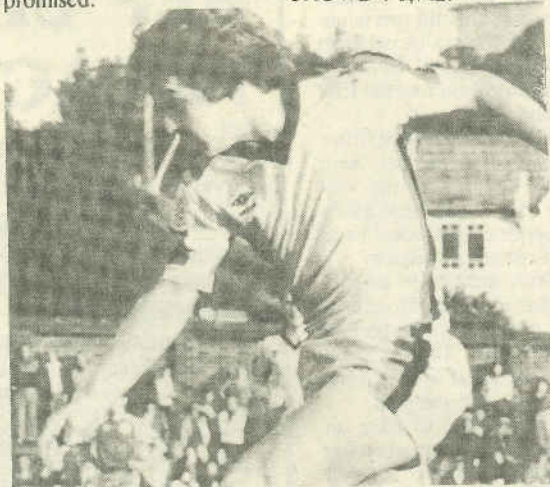
In the 67th and 73rd minutes, Tony Henderson and Mark Jankovics produced the best from Gosling as Marconi threatened to run riot.

Ironically, it was Newcastle who had the final

word through a 78th minute header by substitute Peter Morgan after Mal McClelland laid on the chance.

A relieved Scheinflug was pleased for his players who he said had been feeling the pressure of his dismissal as national coach.

"Now that the handcuffs are off, they'll show what they are capable of," he promised.



David Lowe

**MARCONI:** James, Carter, Rizzotto, McClelland, Henderson, Spanos, Djordjevic, Lowe, Brown, Jankovic, Carbone.

**NEWCASTLE:** Gosling, Maier, Kerby, Mason, Burke, Boogaard, Senkalski, McQuarrie (Morgan 77), McClelland, Cowburn (Stamp 68), Brandt.

**REFEREE:** D. Rennie. **CROWD:** 1,742.

## 'REJECT' DOES THE TRICK

BY JOHN FIELD

**ST GEORGE** have been carrying a heavy burden for a long time.

The team had gone 21 games without defeat until Sunday's match against Parramatta Melita and, before kick-off, Saints coach Frank Arok confessed it was getting harder each week to hold on to the unbeaten record.

Now the pressure is off. Saints have at last tasted defeat, going down to a goal by Dennis Duarte in the 53rd minute.

The 1-0 loss brought a comment from Arok: "This was not our day. Defeat has to come sometime."

It's strange to reflect that the scorer of the winning goal, Duarte, was released by St George as was the winning coach Raul Blanco. The pair had something to celebrate.

Perhaps St George's late pressure deserved at least one goal, but their cause was not helped when defender Mike O'Shea was sent off a quarter of an hour from full-time.

New signing Howard Tredinnick had an excellent match for Melita as did goalkeeper Alex McPherson, who sealed the heights to make important saves from deadly marksman Dez Marton.

Raul Blanco described the win as the most important since Melita joined the National League... indeed Blanco will hardly win two more important points all season.

The only goal of the game was a 20 metre drive by Duarte who received the final pass from Billy Griffiths... yet another St George reject!

**PARRA MELITA:** McPherson, McAusland, Tredinnick, McGinn, Wilson, Allan, Davies, Farrugia (McDonald 81), McKie (Duarte 45), Griffiths, Johnston.

**ST GEORGE:** Greedy, Skeen, Koczka, Barton, Ratcliffe, M.O'Shea, Slater, Stone (Polias 66), Petkovski (Ricoy 81), J.O'Shea, Marton.

**REFEREE:** P. Rampley. **CROWD:** 2,200.



DENNIS DUARTE (left): Melita's matchwinner

## CHANCES GO BEGGING

BY TOM McKAIN

**WITH chances there for both teams, Adelaide City and Preston failed to take them at Olympic Sports Field in a frustrating 0-0 draw.**

The most disappointed man on the park was City's central striker Mark Gatenby who saw his low close in shot hit the post in the dying stages.

AT the other end, Gary Cole had made home goalkeeper McNally work, as did Graham Heys.

Mullen, Melta and Steve Maxwell got through for City only to misdirect their shots or see Steve Potter block them.

In the final minute, referee Don Campbell sent off the limping Ian Dobson after he and Mullen clashed near the centre flag in front of the grandstand. Dobson earlier received a yellow card.

To say that the Preston players were upset by Campbell would be putting it mildly, but then the home fans weren't all that impressed either by the FIFA referee.

**ADELAIDE CITY:** McNally, Shilabeer, Nyskohus, Melta, Flounders, Maxwell, Rankin, Mullen, Gatenby, Vilani, Cecere.

**PRESTON:** Potter, Opasinis, Petrovski, Dunn, Dobson, McMillan, Heys, Cole, Lucchesi, Odjakov, Campbell.

**REFEREE:** D. Campbell. **CROWD:** 2,221.

## 'HALF-A-GAME' SIDE CRUMBLE

BY HARRY HALL

**TWO goals within 16 minutes gave Melbourne Croatia a 2-0 victory over lowly-placed Sunshine George Cross.**

For yet another week Melbourne Croatia showed symptoms of the 45 minutes syndrome they have developed in the National League.

The home team failed to carry over from the first half of the game, saving Sunshine George Cross the embarrassment of being humiliated by another newcomer into the NSL.

Luckily, Croatia were pitted against the weak George Cross outfit.

Had they lined up against one of the strong sides of the division, Croatia would have been forced to share the points or even lose the game. Their attitude has caused a lot of people to think that they will collapse when matched against the leading sides.

Former Heidelberg United midfielder Jim Campbell celebrated his first goal for his new team. The versatile midfielder connected with a cross by Brogan after eight minutes and placed the ball in the net past Contini.

Steve Gojevic added to the misery of the George Cross team in the 16th minute, scoring the second goal. He eluded three midfielders and slotted the ball past Contini who moved off his line to narrow the angle.

George Cross had their only scoring chance after 25 minutes when Latiff hit the crossbar with a free-kick.

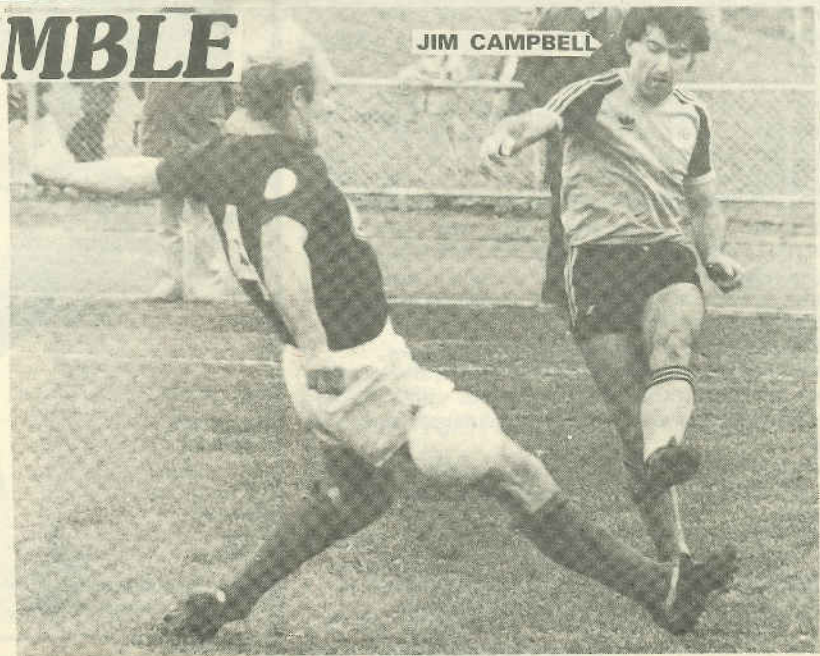
Their defeat has prompted a lot of questions about their future in the National League.

Unless they recruit players in the near future, they won't be able to keep pace with the rest of the teams.

**MELB CROATIA:** Blasby, Curcio, Parton (Deankovic 50), Lewis, Hannah, Campbell, Faulkner, Biskic, Gojevic, Brogan, Cumming.

**SUNSHINE GC:** Contini, Bennett, Taylor, O'Reilly, Richardson, Bain (Stevenson 55), Dallessandro, Jovanovic (McGorian 64), Gilder, McLaren, Latiff.

**REFEREE:** D. Voutsinas. **CROWD:** 2,500.



JIM CAMPBELL





THEO SELEMIDIS: goal for Heidelberg

## SWEENEY SHOOT TO TOP

BY ROGER VERNON

**BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS** bounced to the top of the National League with a narrow 3-2 win over underdogs Green Gully.

The Melbourne team will wear the crown of the leader until such time that the executive of the NSL decides on the abandoned game between Canberra and South Melbourne.

Together with his team, forward Joe Sweeney climbed to the top of the goalscoring charts, scoring the opening goal of the game for Juventus.

Green Gully veteran Willie Vassallo netted the equaliser after 18 minutes sending Juventus back to the drawing board.

Juventus's latest signing from Adelaide City, Peter Carter, priced himself highly scoring the second goal for his new team, while he had a hand in preparing another goal and missing an opportunity to score another in the 70th minute when he hit the crossbar.

Green Gully refused to surrender and once again levelled the score in the 46th minute with Gary Ward converting a penalty awarded by referee Chris Bambridge.

Bambridge had another difficult decision to make three minutes before full-time when Kramers committed an offence on an opponent.

Bambridge gave Kramers marching orders.

Juventus exploited the gap left by Kramers and seconds before full-time scored their winning goal with Swinscoe who came on as a substitute in the 33rd minute for Kevin Lloyd.

**GREEN GULLY:** Denys, Beravic, Hogden, Kramers (SO 87), Cannell, Wade, Smart, Vassallo, Toal, Carter, Williams.

**BRUNSWICK JUVE:** Keogh, Jeremia, Rogers, Dowie, Hird, Cullen, Lloyd (Swinscoe 33), Miranda, Sweeney, Ward, Zinni.

REFEREE: C. Bambridge. CROWD: 2,500.

## BERGERS WIN IN SCRAPPY GAME

BY GARY CUTLER

**HEIDELBERG** recorded their first win of the season with a 3-1 victory over Brisbane Lions at Olympic Village.

The Bergers took the lead in the 11th minute when Theo Selemidis shot high past Lions keeper Wayne Evans.

The rest of the first half was mainly Heidelberg's, although few scoring opportunities were made.

Lions defender John Charlton was carried off early in the game, and his departure weakened the team.

The Bergers went two ahead early in the second half when Theo Vagias finished off a goalmouth scramble with a left-foot shot from close range.

Scott Patterson made it

3-0 with a header that squeezed between a defender and the post.

Lions' Russell Stewart pulled a late goal back, but the game was already won by Heidelberg.

Steve Winn appeared a little more effective, and Joe Angele showed some aggression that has been lacking in the Bergers mid-field.

Brian Garvey, Heidelberg's coach, said: "It was a good result, although the game was very scrappy. The lads battled, and therefore we got the result we deserved."

HEIDELBERG: Olver,

McKie, Gabrielson, Yankos, McLeod, Selemidis, Angele, Peterson (Salvo 63), Winn, Vagias (Patterson 55), Valentine.

BRIS LIONS: Evans, Jackson, Charlton, Hunter, Niven, R. Stewart, J. Stewart, Ogden, Wright, Daunt, McDonagh.



BRIAN GARVEY

## GOALIE WATSON IN SENSATION

BY GREG RUSSELL

**SYDNEY CROATIA** goalkeeper Steve Watson is to be fined after he was sent off in a sensational incident when he stood on Brisbane City midfielder Ken Swan during the 1-1 draw at Spencer Park.

"He has to be fined, doesn't he? It was quite obvious what happened out there," Croatia coach Atti Abonyi said after the match.

Watson was ordered from the field by referee

Gordon Nicholson in the 79th minute when he stood on Swan after getting to his feet following a great save.

Amazingly though, Croatia were awarded a free-kick after the sendoff, when many thought a home

team penalty would have been in order.

Despite being reduced to 10 men, Croatia finished strongly and nearly snatched winners in the 83rd minute through a Graham Arnold shot and two minutes later from a David Rezo cross which looped dangerously across the City goalmouth.

But it was substitute keeper Lee Sterrey who saved the day for the Sydney club, who were wildly supported by a vocal band of Brisbane Croatians.

With seconds to go City striker Bob Mountford angled a header to the bottom corner, but Sterrey dived like an expert to snatch the ball and save the goal.

City looked to have an easy win in store when big stopper Frank Liddell scored after only two minutes.

But Croatia refused to bow so easily, and were eventually rewarded when they scored in the 44th minute.

Watson threw the ball to Drago Tomasich who carried it down the left and found an unmarked Arnold in the centre of the park.

The big striker, who had a fine game, took on City keeper Kim Wishart and blasted the ball into the net.

**SYDNEY CROATIA:** Watson, Woods, Tomasich, M. Kovacic, Sterrey, Vidaic, Clinch, Savor, Arnold, Rezo, Kirwan (Meades 53).

**BRISBANE CITY:** Wishart, Perry, Hughes, Liddell, Wilkinson, Fabrizio, Pimblett (Mengotti 88), Bromfield, Swan,

Mountford, Scriggins (Glockner 59)

REFEREE: G. Nicholson. CROWD: 2,600.



STEVE WATSON

### STOP PRESS

THERE is a possibility that the Canberra Arrows — South Melbourne match, abandoned on Sunday, will be replayed on Saturday March 31.

The National League is anxious to get a result before the teams line up for an inter-conference challenge in round seven ... hence the speed.

If this happens, the teams will each play twice in 24 hours.

## REF UPSETS McLACHLAN

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

**FOOTSCRAY** coach Bob McLachlan fired some broadsides against National League officials for appointing Greek referees to games involving Greek-sponsored teams.

McLachlan was commenting on the performance of referee Sam Zoumas, after Footscray had suffered a 0-1 defeat at the hands of the youthful West Adelaide team at Schintler Reserve.

"The moment NSL and referee officials listen to our cries for the appointment of referees, the League will save itself a lot of embarrassment and criticism from the crowds," irate McLachlan remarked.

McLachlan was particularly displeased with referee Zoumas when the latter refused to award Footscray a penalty in the last quarter of the game, for alleged handball by West Adelaide's left full-back John Papazoglou.

However, it appeared the referee was unsighted when the incident occurred near the sideline.

West Adelaide grabbed the two points in the 35th minute when 18-year-old striker Nick Malabazos lobbed the ball in the net from inside the box.

Footscray found their touch in the second half and kept West Adelaide under pressure for long periods.

Lack of finishing and brilliant goalkeeping by Gary Sproul denied them the opportunity to level the score.

Sproul went airborne repeatedly to parry shots by Lujic and Carroll over his crossbar. His most spectacular save was recorded minutes before full-time when Lujic broke loose from the defence and blasted a blistering shot at goal.

**FOOTSCRAY:** Tsigaris, McDowell, Hazabent, Tansey, Tutill, Belic, Curovic, Carroll, Paton (Fernandez 85), O'Donnell, Lujic.

**WEST ADELAIDE:** Sproul, Papazoglou, McGregor, McGachey, Honeyman, Stamatelopoulos, Papadopoulos (Markopoulos 86), Lopes (Stefanopoulos 79), Malabazos, Atsalas, Brown.

REFEREE: S. Zoumas. CROWD: 1,500.



# CHIT HAT



**WOLLONGONG CITY** may have their problems after having to rebuild a new team but spirit certainly isn't lacking on the South Coast.

With a back four averaging just 21 years of age, Wollongong face a long, hard winter but they will handle it.

For the first home game against Canberra the players paid their own accommodation after travelling to the ACT on the Saturday.

The club isn't in a position to pay their motel bill for such games so they decided it would be better to pay the bill themselves and be better prepared.

For the away trip against Brisbane City, assistant coach Terry Hurley paid his own air fare because once again the club budget did not stretch that far.

On the plane coming home the players chipped in to reimburse Hurley some of his fare because they felt he had done such a good job.

As well as being Adrian Alston's assistant, Hurley did all the strapping, the team manager's job and was happy with the outcome as the team picked up their first point of the season.

**PETER WILSON** is second choice goalkeeper at Sydney Olympic but he's been picked for NSW.

Strange? It is. But before selecting Wilson for the State squad to play Queensland, NSW coach Frank Arok checked the situation with Olympic coach Manfred Schaefer.

Schaefer assured Arok that Wilson would do a good job for him, even though Gary Meier is Olympic's first XI goalie.

Wilson is getting expert tuition in handling crosses from Jim Fraser, former top goalkeeper for Australia, who unfortunately missed the 1974 World Cup in West Germany.

**PARRAMATTA MELITA** right-back Richie Williams wants to leave the club.

His reason for requesting a transfer is that he wants a new challenge.

"I have been extremely happy at Melita, but now in my fifth year at the club I feel like part of the furniture," Williams said.

"To keep myself on top I felt I needed a change of clubs."



**RICHIE WILLIAMS**

**PAT DE VITO**, Adelaide City's latest forward "find", must be wondering what he has to do to cement a place in the team.

The youngster starred and scored against Melbourne Croatia, but was moved to midfield against George Cross, then taken off at half-time because of a team reshuffle.

Lacking brute strength at the moment, the youngster is hardly a midfielder, but it is a while since we have seen a more "natural" winger.

He will no doubt be a squad regular, but he won't reach his full potential until he gets a run of full games.

IT was like a Lake Macquarie Soccer club reunion when Leichhardt met Newcastle KB United. Included in the Newcastle squad were ex-Lakes boys Mike Boogard and Malcolm McClelland while their former clubmates Peter Tredinnick and Kerry Caban lined up for Leichhardt.

On the public address system at the International Sports Centre was former Lake Macquarie committeeman Alan Tredinnick (Peter's dad) while former Apia goalkeeper and current Lakes committee man David McQuire was an interested spectator.

Not reporting on the game (because he is on holidays), but watching anyway was Allyn Hamonet from the Newcastle Herald. Yes, you guessed it, he too played for Lake Macquarie.

**TRAGEDY** has hit former Brisbane City and Lions striker Billy Williamson. Williamson's father and brother died within days of each other earlier this month and the skilled Scotsman rushed home.

Williamson's Soccer future in Australia is still undecided as Lions have transfer-listed him, but no doubt Soccer is farthest from his mind at this stage.

**POLONIA SYDNEY** were upset with last week's Chit Chat item regarding transfer-listed striker Scott Dickson.

Wollongong City, the club for whom Dickson played on loan last year, complained that Polonia officials didn't turn up for an appeal hearing before the NSW Soccer Federation.

Polonia officials claim they turned up for two meetings Wollongong didn't attend, and that they were not represented at the meeting in question because the president's car broke down on the way.

The result of the appeal saw the fee Polonia placed on Dickson (\$10,000) halved. So, for the time being, the big, young centre-forward is sitting on the sidelines.



**KERRY CABAN (left)**

**STEVE PADADOPOULOS** emerged the hero in West Adelaide's 3-1 win over Green Gully — but he wasn't meant to take the field.

Coach Sam Salabasidis had decided to play another youngster, Bill Stefanopoulos, from the reserves, but just before the kick-off Stefanopoulos said he didn't feel the best, so he sat on the bench and Papadopoulos took the field.

And he took his chances — scoring the first goal, laying on another, and appears certain to make a first-team spot, as an attacking midfielder.

**WEST ADELAIDE** coach Sam Salabasidis does not muck about when it comes to fining players.

He hit Tim Brown and Brenton Hiern for \$100 each after they had been ordered off — Brown in the Ampol Cup final and Hiern against Green Gully.

"I don't care how good or bad we think a referee is, if you get a yellow card, then you don't go asking for a red one," explained Salabasidis.

"Players shouldn't get yellow ones either, but if they do, there is no excuse for then collecting a red one."

**BRISBANE CITY's** National League challenge is again to be sponsored by Boral Limited. The company, which already has poured \$60,000 into the club over the past two years, will sponsor City for \$30,000 this season.

**KERRY CABAN** certainly looks the goods as an NSL striker, judging by his early appearances for Leichhardt. But spare a thought for his cousin Tony, still waiting to turn out for Newcastle in 1984.

Tony was the top youth scorer in 1983 with 21 goals, and he looked very sharp during pre-season until he suffered a bad injury. Unable to run on the broken foot, he has been keeping fit in the pool and should be able to resume training within a week or two.

**DON'T** be surprised if Graham Heys returns to West Adelaide next season.

The whisper from friends in SA is that the winger, while happy playing for Preston, is not all that taken with Melbourne as a place to live.

**THIS** year is a vital one for Newcastle United centre-back Mike Boogard.

A close marker, Boogard, 23, gets his chance to be a regular first-team player in place of Gary Watson, who returned to the UK at the end of last season.

**STEVE WATSON**, included in the Australian squad last year, was philosophical about his omission from the NSW State squad.

"I haven't been playing that well, so it has to be expected," Watson said.

**BRISBANE LIONS** coach Harry Noon rushed back to Sydney last week when his son was involved in a motorbike accident. Although he went into a coma for four hours, Noon's son appears to be winning the battle against his injuries and is on the road to recovery.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Lions striker Calvin Daunt. Despite being on the outer since new coach Harry Noon took over, the big man has not let his attitude wane.

Despite many rumours that he would be placed on the transfer list, Daunt refused to give up. And when he won his place back in the side through injury to Phil Redmond, Daunt celebrated, and proved a point, when he scored in Lions' 2-2 draw with Melbourne Croatia.

**WOLLONGONG CITY** goalkeeper Ron Tilsed is working behind the scenes to have two Bournemouth players join the club for 10 games as guests later this season.

Tilsed says the players will be big assets to the Wollongong side.

Bournemouth manager Harry Rednapp has already agreed to the trip provided the players return to England for the start of pre-season training.

Tilsed was with Bournemouth recently for intensive training before returning to Australia to team up with Wollongong.

He was at Bournemouth when the club knocked Manchester United out of this season's FA Cup.



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ROUND 5 — 31 MARCH-1 APRIL

### AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

**BLACKTOWN CITY**  
v  
**CANBERRA ARROWS**

**3.00pm**

VENUE: Gabbie Stadium

**P'MATTA MELITA EAGLES**  
v  
**MARCONI**

**3.00pm**

VENUE: Melita Stadium

**NEWCASTLE UNITED**  
v  
**GREEN GULLY**

**2.30pm** (Saturday)

VENUE: Adamstown Oval

**ST GEORGE**  
v  
**LEICHHARDT**

**3.00pm**

VENUE: St George Stadium

**SYDNEY CROATIA**  
v  
**SYDNEY CITY**

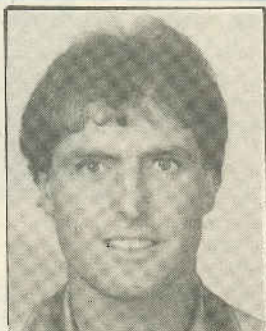
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VENUE: King Tomislav Park

**WOLLONGONG CITY**  
v  
**SYDNEY OLYMPIC**

**3.00pm**

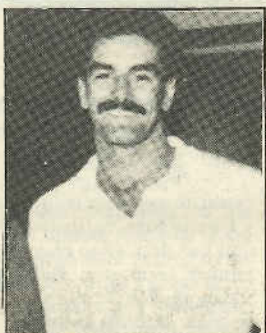
VENUE: Wollongong Showground



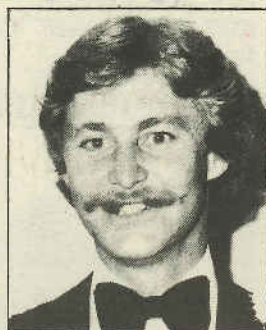
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### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

**ADELAIDE CITY**  
v  
**HEIDELBERG UNITED**

**2.30pm**

VENUE: Norwood Oval

**BRISBANE LIONS**  
v  
**PENRITH CITY**

**3.00pm**

VENUE: Richlands

**SUNSHINE-GEO. CROSS**  
v  
**BRISBANE CITY**

**3.00pm**

VENUE: Chaplin Reserve

**BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS**  
v  
**FOOTSCRAY**

**3.00pm**

VENUE: Olympic Park

**PRESTON**  
v  
**MELBOURNE CROATIA**

**3.00pm**

VENUE: Connor Reserve

**SOUTH MELBOURNE**  
v  
**WEST ADELAIDE**

**3.00pm**

VENUE: Middle Park

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# SIMON SAYS . . .

# 'GOALS'

BY NEIL JAMESON

THE NEWCASTLE KB United change room was deserted save for two people.

One was Alf Quill, the greatest goalscoring machine in Australian Soccer history. The other was Simon Brandt, 19, and still high on the thrill of making the goal sheet yet.

Brandt was late leaving the room after being delayed by press men eager to know more about the young man who has fitted so neatly into the striking position vacated by former Australian under-21 player-of-the-year David Love.

So Quill, who almost half a century ago terrorised goalkeepers in a career that yielded more than 600 goals, had chosen the relative quiet of the near-empty room to impart a few words of advice to the latest graduate of one of the NSL's better youth programmes.

"Work on your touch and control," advised the quietly-spoken Quill. "Find a brick wall to work against to help improve that first touch."

"You have to be a chaser to play up front, so get out

top a beach by yourself and boot the ball as far as you can, and then go fetch it. It's hard work, but believe me, it pays off."

## Timely

For Brandt, ever the attentive student, it was timely advice.

Even the most level-headed young player could be excused a bit of ego in view of such an imposing start to the season. Alf Quill's words were aimed to keep it all in proportion.

The statistics reveal that Brandt has played a fairly significant role in Newcastle's early season surge. He has scored in each of his first three NSL outings this season and if you count goals in pre-season friendlies against Canberra and Marconi, he has notched a goal-a-game in five straight matches against NSL opposition.

Who is this new KB United goal-grabber and just why is he causing goalkeepers so much grief?

Brandt came to Newcastle from the Kotara South he had played up front, from left wing to central striker, but he arrived at United with the intention of carving out a career as a left-back.

"I wanted a change, at the time," explains Simon. "And I thought that's where the opportunity lay."

With no National Federation midweek competition. The following season he moved into the Youth League side under the coaching of Ken Kaiser who by then was developing a high regard for the young defender.

"He had a great left foot and I can remember him scoring one or two cracking goals from the left-back position," recalls the United NSL coach.

## Switch

When Keith Harris took over the youth coaching job in 1982, Brandt moved

back to a striking role. His switch might have had something to do with the fact that both Kaiser and Harris are former strikers. (United has continued the trend with the recent appointment of Alf Stamp to the coaching staff).

The move worked a treat with the revitalised Brandt winning Newcastle's 1982 youth player award.

The following season saw his improvement continue and when David Lowe was unavailable through national youth team duty, Brandt got his NSL call-up and responded by scoring on his debut.

Interestingly, every local youngster Kaiser has introduced to NSL midfield or striking roles in the past two years has scored on his debut.

Count them: David Love, Nigel Drysdale, Tony Caban, John McQuarrie and, of course, Simon Brandt.

The United youth team, with an average of one-and-half over age players appearing per match, ran second to Sydney City in

the 1983 Youth League.

The clubs met in the grand final with United triumphing 3-1, thanks to two goals from Brandt.

With 11 goals from Brandt and 21 from his partner Tony Caban, United had the best striking duo in the 1983 youth league and the pair looked destined for healthy NSL careers.

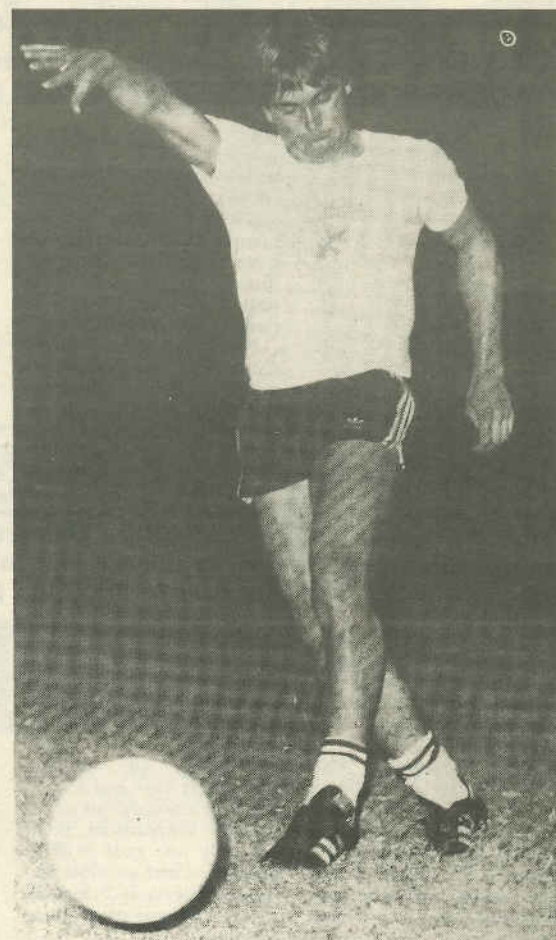
Unfortunately for Caban, a broken bone in his foot, suffered in a pre-season match, delayed what would have been automatic entry to the 1984 NSL squad.

With the off-season departure of strikers David Love and Bob Mountford, Newcastle had a manpower crisis up-front and so much depended on the successful combining of Brandt and Malcolm McClelland, a man who admits he feels more at home in the mid-field.

The United attacking unit has yet to find the cohesion Kaiser desires, but nobody is complaining about the commitment.

Brandt is one of those characters prepared to "die" in front of goal in order to get that vital contact. He may lack height — he's only 5'8" — but his heading ability is a revelation.

Most of his youth goals came from his brilliant jumping and timing, as did the fine diving attempt that



SIMON BRANDT shows his style

produced a point in the 1-all draw with Leichhardt.

Simon says his immediate ambition is to retain his first team spot, and while his team-mates joke about

his leading striker status, there is the underlying impression that everybody in Newcastle's ranks is thrilled with Brandt's goal-getting streak.

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# THISTLE WIN A THORNY ONE!

BY GREG RUSSELL

**QUEENSLAND Premier League club Grange Thistle made it a hat-trick of wins when it took out the Coca-Cola Bottlers pre-season tournament at Lanham Park last week.**

The club, which hosts the tournament, had also won the event the past two years.

A Steve Dolan penalty 10 minutes from full-time gave Thistle a 1-0 win over Brisbane City in this year's final. But the match, refereed by Gordon Nicholson, was shrouded in controversy.

With the scores locked

nil-all, a City shot fired awkwardly into the side-netting and appeared from where Nicholson and his linesmen were standing to have been a goal. The ball in fact was tangled in the back of the net, but on the outside of the goal.

Nicholson at first signalled a goal, but realised his mistake when Thistle keeper Dave Gallagher retrieved

the ball.

He switched his decision to a goal-kick, and it was from the smartly-taken kick that Thistle broke and got the ball to speedy striker Garth Moloney, who was then fouled in the box. When Thistle scored from the spot, the large contingent of City fans became irate and restless and Nicholson had to be

escorted from the field at full-time.

The match was an entertaining, attacking affair and the City side — a mixture of youngsters and former NSL players — could consider itself unlucky not to force extra-time.

In the play-off for third place, North Star beat Valley Trident 4-3 on penalties after a scoreless 90 minutes.

## CARSON'S EAGLES BACK TOGETHER

**FIVE former Southside Eagles players have now been re-united with their former Eagles coach at Ipswich United, hot favourites for this year's Premier League title.**

Former Brisbane Lions NSL coach Matt Carson, who was at Eagles in the late 70s, now has five members of his successful 1979 side at Ebbw Vale.

John Bennett, Alan Marszalek, Ron Millman and Ken Gordon played at Ipswich last season, but the Eagles "old boys" club gained a new member last week when Gerry Lindsay joined Ipswich from Valley Trident.

All five played in Carson's Eagle team that in 1979 won every honour Queensland Soccer had to offer.

Carson is now in his third year at Ipswich and has been slowly building a championship-winning side.

Ipswich took the Ampol Cup last year, but Carson will not be satisfied until his side wins the championship-grand final double.

They have always been in contention, but on pre-season form this could be the year.

In the XXXX pre-season tournament at Perry Park, Ipswich were 0-1 first night losers to a full-strength Brisbane City NSL side, while in their second game of the tournament they crushed North Star 5-0.

And Ipswich have looked even more impressive in other trial games, including a 5-0 thrashing of last year's grand final winners, Olympic United.

Olympic are in dire straits this year and bowed unceremoniously out of the XXXX tournament, scoring only one goal in three defeats — one of those defeats being a 0-2 loss to Premier League newcomers Wynnum.

The problems seem to get worse for the Greeks and last week experienced midfielder-sweeper Peter Tyson walked out after a dispute over match payments. Tyson has asked for permission to trial at Lions.

The only bright spot for Olympic was the return to training of former Lions NSL winger Craig Low, but he finished his first training session complaining of injury.

Mount Gravatt, whose form has been patchy in the pre-season have lost sweeper Dave Costa for the season.

Costa had announced his retirement earlier this year, because of work commitments, but was talked into playing again a month ago.

But Costa found the demands of his building business were too great and he

has been forced to hang up his boots again.

The Hawks have several younger players who could take Costa's place, but none will offer the stability the former Queensland squad member gave at the back.



Mt Gravatt this week sold goalkeeper Mark Davis and midfielder Archie Fraser to Easts, but will strengthen their squad by signing former Perth and Sheffield player Dave Redfern and possibly Irishman Eugene McEnery.

Easts, under new coach Ray Pocock, produced some surprise results in the XXXX tournament, including a 3-3 draw with Brisbane City. The side could have a big year with Phil Thompson, Mick Sinn and Paul Mylonas seemingly back to top form.

## McQUIRE DIVES IN AT 'THE LAKE'

BY BILL TURNER

**THE re-emergence of Dave McQuire into football has been a real shot in the arm for Lake Macquarie Soccer Club.**

The former champion goalkeeper from Leichhardt has the potential needed to become one of the North's top administrators.

Not only will he be able to do a top job as secretary of the club, he will be a tremendous asset to coach Mike Trebilcock as specialist mentor for the club's goalkeepers.

Dave had a real baptism of fire when he was secretary of Newcastle United.

Some suggested that he would have been wiser to begin his administrative career with a smaller club before tackling an NSL giant.

However, he is there now and has already created a very favourable impact with the Speers Point-based Lake Macquarie club.

They have arguably the best committee in the long history of the club and a more than capable squad to contest the 1984 State First Division.

Last week it was said that Lake Macquarie with its present committee is well on the way to becoming a candidate for the NSL in the not too distant future.

Macquarie Field, Speers Point, has a beautiful playing surface with high surrounds which lends itself

ideally to drive-in Soccer.

The grandstand is receiving a facelift while the dressing rooms have been updated.

Press facilities are currently under construction and a new canteen is on the drawing board.

Already a couple of im-

portant fixtures have been mooted for the ground.

School night games are already planned, with the semi-finals and final of the Bill Turner Cup scheduled for August.

Dave McQuire has really taken up the challenge at Lake Macquarie and is de-

termined to put the club back on the map.

Soccer people in Northern NSW wish him well and no doubt his many former colleagues in Sydney are delighted with his decision to put something further into the code he served so well as a player.

## BASIC HAT-TRICK IN SIX MINUTES

BY "VAN DIEMEN"

**JUVENTUS-PIONEER lead Group A of the Summer Cup competition after defeating University 3-1 at South Hobart.**

Poor defensive play by Juventus led to all three Juventus goals.

Frank Genovesi squeezed the first between Steve Darby and the near post from an acute angle in the second minute and the unmarked Di Martino headed the second from Ken Morton's free-kick.

Di Martino and Morton did a repeat performance in the 57th minute when the solid defender again moved upfield and flicked home Morton's accurate chipped free-kick.

Juventus had John Broadhouse sent off in the second half for alleged foul and abusive language before University pulled a goal back in the 47th minute

through a Peter Crowther penalty, his second in the competition, after Mark Leszczynski had been tripped in the penalty area.

A hat-trick inside the opening six minutes by youngster Tony Basic, ably assisted by Ivan Baric, steered Croatia to a 3-1 victory over Phoenix.

Basic displayed shooting power, fine ball control and heading ability in scoring his goals. He slammed home the first goal from 20 metres after only 50 seconds from a Baric short free kick. He turned the second past the advancing keeper, again following a Baric free kick; and he headed the third from Baric's right-wing cross.

Phoenix scored in the 54th minute when the Croatia goalkeeper was slow in coming off his line, enabling Engels to nip in and prod the ball home.

Kim Barker and 16-year-old David Stoddart were the architects of White Eagles' 3-1 win over Hobart City.

Stoddart opened the scoring in the 10th minute when he ran onto Barker's precise pass and Barker twice pounced on to rebounds, once from the goalkeeper and once from the crossbar, to poke the ball into the net after some fierce shooting from Stoddart.

Brighella scored City's solitary goal in the 41st minute.

## BOTTLE SHOP SIGNING!

BY PHIL MURPHY

**SHELLHARBOUR will have the talents of Ian Bradburn in their midfield this season after a local businessman "bought" him from Cringila.**

Charlie Karikiadis has just opened up a liquor store near the Shellharbour ground and put up the transfer fee of \$500 for Bradburn.

Club spokesman Otto Bader said the purchase could make a lot of difference to Shellharbour's chances of success this season.

"We aren't paying out any money this season so we have to rely on people to help us in a situation like this," Bader said.

"Coach Gary Masters realises just how important Bradburn's midfield play is to the team and he is relieved to have him."

Things certainly change — seems like only yesterday that Shellharbour were flashing their cheque book around to many of the top players in the district.

FERNHILL started the season in style by taking the major slice of the \$1,400 prizemoney at the Corrimal Leagues club knockout.

Run over three weekends, the knockout again was a big success and Fernhill beat Warilla Wanderers 3-1 in the final.

The pleasing feature for Fernhill coach Gerry Walker was the fact he had a couple of players out of his side.

Whatever Fernhill do in their premiership games they can certainly boast the most depth in the league and must be odds-on to win the reserve grade title.

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ILLAWARRA premiers West-Figtree will have Phil Luskin back in goal on a regular basis this season.

One of the best goalkeepers to come up through the junior nursery in Illawarra over the years, Luskin will take the role held by Shaun Billington last season.

Billington, the son of former South Coast United keeper Wilf Billington, is off overseas next week.

This gives Luskin the chance to prove he still has the ability to hold his place in what is basically the same side that took the title last season.







VICKY PERETZ

AVI COHEN

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# BEWARE THE ISRAELIS!

**ISRAEL is planning a solid preparation for next year's World Cup elimination round against Australia, New Zealand and Taiwan.**

The Israeli Football Association plans to have its national team firing by the time October '85 comes around.

However, the Israelis will really be up against it, as they will have to play all of their Oceania round qualifying games thousands of miles away from their homeland — in Australia and New Zealand.

Under new national coach Frank Arok, the Socceroos are in with a fine chance of winning through the Oceania round and getting a crack at a European nation in the final elimination round.

However, we must be wary of the Israelis, as they always have been a strong opponent in the past, both at senior and youth level.

## Fierce

Just as in life and in their struggle for survival in the Middle East, they are fierce competitors.

In the last clash between the two nations — in the World Youth Championship qualifying round in Costa Rica — the attitude of the Israeli players, however, was utterly despicable.

It is to be hoped that this

does not exist in their senior ranks.

Some of the young Israeli players were disgraceful sportsmen and probably the worst losers I have ever come across during my long time in this game.

This could not be said of the Israeli officials.

Although they regarded winning as the ultimate, they were gracious in defeat and thorough gentlemen.

Israeli Youth coach Shmuel Perlman made many friends in the Australian camp and he was a very good operator at youth level.

The Israel senior national coach is Joseph Mirovitz, who replaced Englishman John Mansell.

Although they failed to qualify for the 1982 World Cup Finals, Israel made a

very good impression in the qualifying round against Scotland, Northern Ireland, Sweden and Portugal.

BY TOM ANDERSON

The Israelis finished at the foot of their section, and played eight games for five points with six goals for and 10 against.

Their best result was a 4-1 win over Portugal in Tel Aviv.

They also held Sweden to two draws — 1-1 in Stockholm and scoreless in Tel Aviv.

Israel also did well to hold Northern Ireland to a scoreless draw in Tel Aviv.

## Experience

World has it from Tel

Aviv that the Israeli squad to contest next year's qualifying rounds will be similar to that which played in the 1982 series.

This means that experience will be the keyword.

The best-known Israeli players are goalkeeper Arie Haviv (28-years-old, 13 caps), sweeper Avi Cohen (27, 29 caps, formerly played with Liverpool in the English First Division), defender Haim Bar (30, 47 caps), midfielders Uri Malmillian (27, 23 caps, probably Israel's Number 1 footballer) and Moshe Sinai (22, four caps, rated as the second-best player in his country), striker Vicky Peretz (31, 38 caps, played for two years in France), centre/forward Zahi Armeli

(27, two caps and one of the two Arabs in the Israeli squad with Rifaat "Jimmy" Turk).

Israel coach Mirovitz has almost finalised his international programme for this year and has plenty of opposition teed up for the national team.

They have already played two games against Rumanian club side FC Arges and lost the first outing 0-1 and won the second 2-1.

According to reports, the Israelis were not impressive in either outing.

On March 28 they will meet Swedish club AIK Stockholm, the Republic of Ireland on April 4 and Rumania in Bucharest on April 11.

It's also on the cards that

Liverpool will visit Israel and play the national side at the Ramat-Gan Stadium in Tel Aviv on May 16.

Last week, Wales also announced that they will play Israel also at Tel Aviv on June 10.

## Handicap

This is quite an impressive programme and it's obvious the Israelis mean business in the months ahead.

It is no secret that Israel are not relishing being drawn in the Oceania group of the World Cup and will greatly feel the handicap of not playing any of their qualifying games at home.

Their style is a mixture of European and South American Soccer and they are very fine "touch" players.

# NSL YOUTH LEAGUE

BY PETER RUSSELL

**THE fourth round of the NSL Youth League saw a glut of 30 goals, in six matches.**

St George banged in six against Melita Eagles, whilst the highest aggregate score was at Cook Park, where the young Panthers had the biggest share of nine goals, defeating Wolves 5-4.

On Saturday at the Bruce Stadium, the Australian Institute of Sport had a convincing 3-1 victory over Olympic. In a very open game both sides played well and went into the break on level terms after Andy Zervas levelled the scores in the 25th minute.

The Institute had taken an early lead in the 2nd minute through Alex Cummings. Sean Greaves and Warren Spink were other scorers for AIS.

Bruce Stadium seems to be the place for second minute goals. On Sunday the Arrows opened their account against Croatia in the 2nd minute through Claudio Gioletelli, then added two more before half time from Manis Lamond in the 38th and 40th minutes.

Joe Samardzic pulled one back in the 56th minute for Croatia before Ibrahim

Gahut and Joe Gagetti added further goals in the 69th and 89th minutes to completely outclass the Croatian lads.

Blacktown must consider themselves unlucky not to have at least salvaged a point from their encounter with Leichhardt at Henson Park.

Despite having the majority of play and putting the Leichhardt goal under great pressure they went down 3-0 to the home side.

It was mainly due to the excellence of keeper Bob Catlin in the Leichhardt goal and a bit of artistry from Gary Van Egmond and Tony Genovese that pulled the APLA boys out of the fire.

Van Egmond opened the scoring in the 23rd minute, then combined with Tony Genovese to set up Vince Colagiuri to net in 68th, before Colagiuri scored with an excellent solo effort in the 83rd minute.

In a very physical match at Marconi Stadium a goal apiece in the first half saw the spoils shared between Marconi and Newcastle.

Bill Tonkin opened the score for Newcastle in the 40th minute after a good move down the right wing and Raul Carrizo replied for Marconi in the 45th minute from a free kick.

In a nail-biter at Cook Park, St Marys Panthers just pipped the Wolves at the post, grabbing the winner right on the final whistle.

The scoring opened with an own goal for Wolves in the 10th minute, Peter Nix levelled for Penrith in the 29th min from the penalty spot, then put them ahead with his second a minute later. Randall Easthorpe made it 3-1 in the 32nd.

Randall Easthorpe put the sides back on level terms again in the 82nd minute and that looked like the final scoreline until David Shute's solo effort in the last minute of the game to give the Panthers an exciting win.

At Melita Stadium, the Eagles ended up getting a hiding from the Saints by six goals to nil, although the scoreline was not a fair

reflection of the play.

Luck and more accuracy in front of goal and the Eagles could have gone in at half time leading 3-0 instead of trailing 2-0.

Saints goals came from Tony Danaskos and substitute Steve Strasshofer.

In the second half it was a different story and a workmanlike Saints just steam-rolled the Eagles with a hat-trick to striker Dave Batten in the 65th, 82nd and 89th minutes and a further goal to Tony Danaskos in the 53rd minute for Saints.

## St George

AIS  
Penrith  
Leichhardt  
Newcastle  
Canberra  
Sydney City  
Blacktown  
Marconi  
Melita Eagles  
Olympic  
Wollongong  
Croatia

## AIS

Cummings (2),  
Greaves (66),  
Canberra  
Gioletelli (2)  
Lamond (38, 40)  
Leichhardt  
Van-Egmond (23)  
Colagiuri (68, 83)  
Marconi  
Melita Eagles

## Penrith

Nix (29, 30)  
Easthorpe (32, 82)  
Shute (89)

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
4	3	0	1	15	7	6
3	2	1	0	4	1	5
4	2	1	1	10	8	5
4	2	1	1	6	3	5
4	1	3	0	3	2	5
3	2	0	1	11	6	4
3	2	0	1	7	6	4
4	2	0	2	6	6	4
4	1	2	1	5	5	4
4	2	0	2	6	9	4
3	1	0	2	6	8	2
4	0	0	4	6	13	0
4	0	0	4	3	14	0

## Olympic

Zervas (25)  
Spink (80)  
Croatia  
Samardzic (56)  
Gahut (69), Gagetti (89)  
Blacktown

## Newcastle

St George  
Danaskos (18, 53)  
Strasshofer (45),  
Batten (65, 82, 89)  
Wollongong  
Rogers (71), og (10)  
Nees,  
Nadjovski (74)

# NEVIN'S IDEA ACCEPTED

**A CLUB championship will be introduced in Queensland for the first time this season.**

The championship will apply to the 10 clubs in the Premier League.

The combined points totals of each club's Premier Reserves and Colts sides will be added to decide the most successful overall club.

Last year Mount Gravatt would have won hands down and it is not surprising that it was an official from the Hawks that suggested the idea to the Queensland Soccer Federation management committee.

But Barry Nevin's idea was not put forward solely to give Mount Gravatt another trophy, but to urge clubs to concentrate on establishing depth rather than putting all their efforts into the top side.

The idea has been greeted enthusiastically by the other clubs and the championship table will be keenly followed. While Mount Gravatt must start favourites, Acacia Ridge, Ipswich and Thistle could also have a chance of winning the inaugural prize, which is set to be a team insurance package for the following season.

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Warringah-Narrabeen's ALAN STURGES (striped shirt) clears this attempted tackle from a Revesby Workers opponent

## WARRINGAH

THE "Saints" have been very impressive during the off-season. Last year they won the second division grand final defeating Gladesville.

Coach John Wignall has been surprised with the performances from his team. "I'm very pleased with the build-up, it is more than I expected. It is the competition that matters and the pressure will be there every week," he said.

"There are no injuries in the squad and everything has been running smoothly. The only problem has been the big gap between the Ampol Cup and the start of the competition."

In seven trial games the "Saints" have been undefeated. They have defeated Artamon 4-0, Gladesville 4-1, Queens Park 3-1, Yugal 2-0, Ku-Ring-Gai 1-0 and drew with Canterbury-Marrickville 2-2.

Wignall emphasised that his team's success this year will depend on collective ability. "There is a strong team spirit. One or two players stand out but it differs every week. We are lucky to have a good all-round side," Wignall said.

## ROCKDALE

THE 1984 season marks the re-introduction of Rockdale Ilinden to the first division. In 1982 they were relegated.

Coach Ilya Takac feels that this year's competition will be the closest in recent years.

Takac said: "Any team can win it. It will be one of the most interesting, with most sides equal in standard."

"Five players in particular are expected to have a big season. Paul Degney, Terry Jones, Bill Pilovski, Branko Karanfilovski and Kenny Slaveski are in a league above most other State League players."

Everything has been running according to plan during the off-season and to Takac, trial matches don't really indicate much, despite having lost only one to Warringah-Narrabeen.

Takac is sceptical about his first round game against old foe Warringah-Narrabeen.

"Honestly, I'm not looking forward to playing them so early in the season. They are a protective side who wait for the opposition to make a mistake and then punish them accordingly."

"We have to overcome all conditions we play in. Our supporters, players and committee would dearly love to win the competition," Takac said.

STATE LEAGUE DIV. 1  
Auburn-Urug  
Avala  
Bankstown-National  
Cant-Marrickville Olympic

Inter Monaro  
Ku-ring-gai  
Manly Warringah  
Polonia  
Rockdale  
SSC Yugal  
Sutherland Shire  
Warringah-Narrabeen

STATE LEAGUE DIV. 2  
Artamon  
Bathurst '75  
Belmo -Canterbury  
Blacktown Utd  
Dee Why  
Fairy Meadow  
Gladesville-Hornsby  
North Bankstown  
Parramatta City  
Penrith United  
Revesby Workers  
Uni of NSW  
Wollongong Utd

STATE LEAGUE DIV. 3  
Baulkham Hills  
Bonid Marine  
Campbelltown City  
CSI Schofields  
King Tomislav  
Kingsford  
Lane Cove Utd  
Moorebank SC L'pl  
Mt Druitt Town  
North Ryde  
Port Hacking  
Queens Park

INTER URBAN DIV. 1  
Campbelltown District  
Eastwood St Andrews  
Fairfield Kiev  
Wetherill Park Athletic  
Hurstville Zagreb  
Maroubra Utd  
Nineveh Eagles  
Padstow Park  
Rooty Hill  
Spanish Club  
Sydney University  
Wenty Waratahs

INTER URBAN DIV. 2  
Chelsea  
Chile Sports  
Concordia  
Green Valley Utd  
Hawkesbury Dist  
Macarthur Utd  
Macquarie Uni  
Pagewood  
Sydney Maccabi  
Trasindinos  
West St George  
West United

INTER URBAN DIV. 3  
Blacktown Wanderers  
Chullora Wolves  
Dulwich Hill  
Haberfield B/D  
Liverpool City  
Murray Farm Rangers  
Népean Rovers  
Rangers Hajduk  
Robins  
Rosebery Portuguese  
Ryde District  
Smithfield Hotspurs

INTER URBAN DIV. 4  
Argentinian Lidcombe  
Blacktown Wanderers  
Castle Hill  
Colo Colo  
Concord Junior  
Hellas Poseidon  
Jedinstvo Utd  
Lansvale Utd  
Lithgow Workmens  
Liverpool Rangers  
South Sydney  
Welcome Sports

INTER URBAN DIV. 5  
Abruzzi  
Calabria Community  
Crescent Star  
Fairfield Athletic  
Cyprus Turkish  
Luddenham Croatia  
Macedonia Yagoona  
Petersham Lusitanos  
San Souci  
Santiago Wanderers  
St Marys RSL

## POLONIA

INJURIES to key Polish players look like setting the club back in the first few rounds.

To overcome this, coach David Zeman has adopted a positive youth policy which is encouraging the younger players in the club to fight for a position in the first-team line-up.

Ziggy Garlowski looks like missing quite a few of the early games because of torn ligaments. Henry Kowalczyk has an achilles tendon problem; Henry Sobczyk has an ankle injury and Henry Owcharych is on his way back following a recent injury.

Zeman has faith in the young players at the club. "We look like having a slow start to the season but I am confident we can reach a respectable spot."

"Youngsters like Scott Mitchell (striker), Ben Divani (midfield), Ricky Van der Berg (stopper), Angelo Colusso (right-back) and David Thomas (midfield) have all shown great early season form."

The goalkeeping position is hotly contested between regular first-grader last year Ian Barker and young Andy Greenfield. Polonia had the chance of signing Wayne Evans from Blacktown United, but delays saw Brisbane Lions move in and sign him.

## CANTERBURY

UNDER the guidance of coach John Xipolitas, the Berries are set for a big season.

Results in pre-season trial games have been very good.

And Xipolitas is pleased with the progress his club has made during the off-season.

"This year we have the best young side I have ever coached at Canterbury. It would be unfair to single out individual players for credit because they have been operating extremely well as one complete unit."

"We should improve on our low position of last year. We have the potential to play a leading role in the competition," Xipolitas said.

The Berries are a very young side with an average age of 19. There are only two players over 22 in the first grade squad — Ali El Zein and Glen Laws.

## INTER-MONARO

Travelling to Queanbeyan this year will cause headaches for many clubs. Inter-Monaro have bought wisely during the off season and will prove to be a difficult side to beat.

The club is aiming to win the competition, like most other clubs, and move into the NSL.

A major drawback to their plans has been the departure of talented coach Roberto Vieri. He has been replaced by Hungarian Steven Clark, who has coached in Austria, USA and Libya.

Former players Walter Valeri and Bas Giampaolo are reunited with the club. Last week Monaro moved swiftly and signed Canberra

Arrows players Isaac Farrell and Tony Brennan.

John Santolin, who captained the side last year, is one of the strongest centre-backs in the competition. Add the above players and the possibility of Monaro signing Steve Hoszowski and Angelo Ambrosino and 1984 is gearing up to be a good year.

## AUBURN-URUGUAY

THIS team looks like being the "surprise package" of the competition. The club has some promising juniors coming through the ranks and during the off-season has done well on the transfer market.

Auburn coach Ljubo Gojkovic is happy with the side, but he would like to have a natural "mastermind" midfielder.

"We should go fairly well this year. We don't rely on stars — we work as a complete unit."

"New signing Tony O'Shana needs about three more weeks to regain his form. He had his cartilage out recently. Kenny Smith has recovered from an ankle injury he received four

weeks ago," Gojkovic said.

One player who has maintained his impressive form of 1983 is striker Ray Carney.

A big problem for most clubs this year has been the lack of match-winning strikers. Auburn have a ready-made one in Carney.

In pre-season Ampol Cup and trial matches, Auburn recorded four wins, one draw and three losses.



SPIRO HANTZIS



## MANLY

"I don't think there will be any problems finishing in the top four."

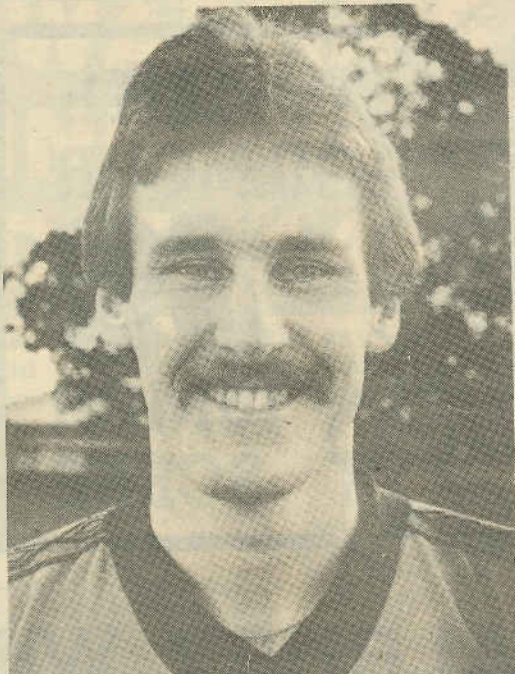
Those are the words of Manly secretary John Loughran. He is confident the club can do very well this year but had hoped to buy a couple of experienced players from overseas.

Two experienced players are new signings Mark Holloway and Bobby Pagano. Both attacking players have transferred from Sydney Croatia.

Good news for the club has been the return of Tom Steven from Scotland and John Dick who took last season off to build a house. The only injury worry is to experienced defender Bruce Doyle, but he is expected to return soon.

The club has been attempting to sign Steven Leak from Ku-ring-gai. Three of their 1983 NSW U16 representatives, Nick Conradi, Ross Etherington and Wayne Pearce, have been invited to trial with this year's U18 team.

Richard Alagich moves into the first grade coaching spot vacated by Jim Hughes due to work commitments. Alagich previously held the position of technical director at the club.



STEVE LEAK: Attempts are being made to sign him from Ku-ring-gai to Manly

## BANKSTOWN

MAJOR problems have confronted Bankstown-National during the last few weeks. The licensed club disowned them, passing their home ground (Soccer Centre) over to Rugby League.

Another problem, in terms of pre-season build-up, has been with the Arab players in the first grade squad. They have been involved in the Arab Cup during the past few weeks which has made them unavailable for some trial games.

The club have been negotiating with the

Potts Park Trust and the North Bankstown Soccer club for the use of Potts Park for their home matches.

Two players who look like setting the competition on fire this year might not even play in the first game of the competition. Jim Meerbani and Peter Hassan have not been cleared to play by the ASF. Last year both played in Tasmania and Queensland.

In the Ampol Cup Bankstown reached the second round before falling to NSL team Sydney Olympic 1-6. They have beaten two other NSL clubs in trial matches, Melita 1-0 and Croatia 1-0.

During the past few weeks two trial matches have been cancelled due to the wet weather and they have lost to both Rockdale and Canterbury-Marrickville.

The early form of defender Roy Agostino, midfielder Phil Dolton and new signing Wayne Cootes has been particularly impressive. Wayne Parker is out of action with a muscle strain.

## KU-RING-GAI

THIS will be a year of consolidation for the Chasers. During the off-season they lost a few experienced first graders (Andrew Brockbank, Stuart Regan, Stephen Knight, David Curtis, Mike Berry).

Ex-Bankstown player-coach Alan Bourke is in the process of being signed this week. He will add depth and experience to the midfield. The Chasers also hope to sign Andy Tracey from Polonia.

Vic Dalgleish, first grade coach this year,

has been using pre-season trial games as a form of conditioning and training for his players.

"I've been changing players around in different positions. I'm looking for versatility in the squad," Dalgleish said.

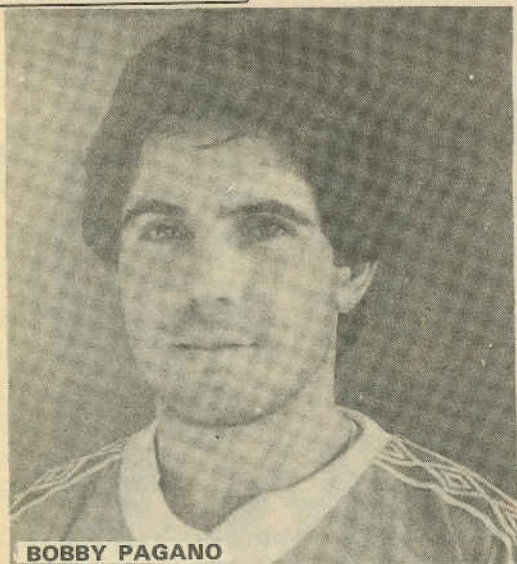
Four young players have been shining during trial matches. Gavin Mortlock (19) and young local Richard Inges (18) are strong defenders. Young goalkeepers Andrew Lacy (19) and Jason Goldsmith (18) will be fighting for the first grade position. Dalgleish wants to nurse and develop the strong junior association.

Johnny Haynes will be assisting him with the first grade side as well as controlling the seconds.

Former Leeds United keeper, Brian Williamson, is the goalkeeping coach and will also have one session each week with the young representative goalkeepers.



Stuart Regan (left) has returned to England after a successful stint with Ku-ring-gai



BOBBY PAGANO

## SUTHERLAND

THE Sharks have a very important season in front of them. Last year the club's submission to join the NSL was refused.

The Shire have implemented a "Strive for 85" policy with the emphasis being to win the State League and become automatically eligible to join the NSL next year.

During the off season Sutherland suffered setbacks in the playing staff. Steve Meades and Shane Clinch were signed by Sydney Croatia. Peter Beggs has moved back to Wollongong. Goalkeeper Mal Haynes has retired. Arron Scharfegger has a groin injury and it is unknown when he will resume playing and Mark Harrington should be back in action in a couple of weeks after suffering an ankle injury.

During trial games the Sharks have recorded three wins, a draw and two losses. The whole side has been playing reasonably well with defender Keith Schuman and midfielder Brandt Cashman standing out.

Promising young goalkeeper Paul Dart has just started training after breaking his ankle in an Ampol Cup game against Manly. Local player Craig Birchmore has been in goal during Dart's absence.

First grade coach Johnny Lavin is confident of his team's chances this year but is worried about the lack of experienced strikers.

"The club, committee and supporters want to play in the NSL next year. The only way we can do this is if we win the competition. The striking area is giving us problems and the youngsters from the second grade side are fighting for positions in front line," Lavin said.



Sutherland's Jim Webber (light shirt) losses possession to Blacktown's John Larkin

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Bankstown-National v Sutherland Shire  
Cant-M'ville Olympic v Ku-ring-gai  
SSC Yugal v Polonia  
Rockdale Ilinden v Warringah-Narrabeen

Cromer Park  
Bruce Stadium  
Potts Park  
Arlington Oval  
Fraser Park  
Seymour Shaw Park

### DIVISION 2

#### Sunday April 1:

Penrith United v North Bankstown  
Wollongong Macedonia v Artarmon  
Belmore v Dee Why Swans  
Bathurst '75 v Fairy Meadow  
Uni of NSW v Parramatta City  
Blacktown United v Revesby Workers

Cook Park  
Berkeley Sports Ground  
Blick Oval  
Proctor Park  
Little Bay Oval  
Francis Park

## NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES

### DIVISION 1

#### Saturday April 7:

Bankstown-National v Ku-ring-gai  
Polonia v Cant-M'ville Olympic

Potts Park  
Chopin Park

#### Sunday April 8:

Auburn-Uruguay v Manly-Warringah  
Avala v Rockdale Ilinden  
Sutherland Shire v Inter-Monaro  
Warringah-Narrabeen v SSC Yugal

Mona Park  
Knight Park  
Seymour Shaw Park  
Narrabeen Fitness Camp

### DIVISION 2

#### Saturday April 7:

Artarmon v Belmore  
Dee Why Swans v Bathurst '75

Artarmon Reserve  
Cromer Park

#### Sunday April 8:

North Bankstown v Wollongong Macedonia  
Gladesville-Hornsby v Penrith United  
Fairy Meadow v Blacktown United  
Revesby Workers v Uni of NSW

Potts Park  
Pioneer Park  
Corrimal Memorial Park  
Milperra Reserve



# HOBSON'S THE RIGHT CHOICE

A FAMILY steeped in Soccer would be the only way to describe the Hobsons of Cardiff.

And from this family comes the newly-elected Hunter Region convenor for the NSW Combined High Schools Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup.

John Hobson has had a lifetime of Soccer as a player, coach and administrator.

His father Roy and brothers Robert and Peter have always been involved in the code in some capacity.

John and Robert both played in first division with Cardiff when the club was a powerful force in Northern NSW football.

When he was transferred to Sydney to teach in a primary school, John had a year with Auburn, while Robert tried his luck with Toronto-Awaba.

After a few years John was transferred back to Newcastle where he moved into secondary teaching at, of all places, Booragul High, renowned for its Soccer achievements.

Over the years he has coached Tasman Cup and Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup sides. On two of these occasions Booragul reached the final 16.

John has had a share in the administration of the Northern NSW Secondary Schools Soccer Federation and in 1977 was selected as coach of the Northern NSW side which contested the ASSF national championships held in Adelaide.

The side finished third in a rather topsy-turvy series in which Peter Tredinnick was outstanding.

John, along with other top men, does not have the opportunity now to engage in that championship series, as Northern NSW has been barred.



However, John Hobson is most enthusiastic about the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup prospects for 1984.

Some of the top schools in the north this year could be Maitland Boys High, Whitebridge High, Wallsend High and Cessnock.

Maitland is making rapid strides in Soccer these days, whilst Whitebridge and Wallsend are traditionally strong.

Cessnock, with its nucleus of Turner Cup-winning players from last year, could do well.

## NORTH NSW'S EUROPEAN TOUR

**THE Northern NSW State Under 16 team raised over \$45,000 to cover the cost of their current European tour.**

The team is now playing in West Germany, and later go on to England to compete in the Ipswich Cup.

Northern NSW Amateurs secretary John Jones said: "They are a very capable side and will im-

prove further under coach Rudi Sparrer.

"Apart from players from the Hunter Region, there are talented boys in the squad from Muswellbrook, Armidale and the North Coast."

## U10 METRO DROPPED

**THERE will be no Under 10 Metropolitan Championships from this season.**

In recent years, many Sydney associations have felt that U10 players are too young for a continuous run of junior fixtures under pressure, and have not entered teams.

Because of this, there have sometimes been gaps of weeks between games.

The U11 and 12 Championships will, however, be bigger and brighter than ever. They will commence on Sunday May 6.

The U12 Centenary Cup will be held over the first week of the May school holidays at the popular Kareela grounds at Kirrawee.

Entries are arriving with every mail, and amongst the most welcome so far are three teams from Tasmania.

## SPOTLIGHT ON GLADESVILLE-HORNSBY

**THE introduction of one major club to cover the Gladesville-Hornsby district is designed to give the players of the area a way through their own ranks to the top.**

This year Gladesville Ravens join the Gladesville-Hornsby Association to form one overall State League Second Division club to cover the district.

The Association weighed in with \$5,000 for the first season to get the club on the road.

President is local Soccer identity Paul Slater, with George Hodgkiss and Bill Cullinan as vice-presidents.

Association secretary Stuart Grant said: "It was the right step to take and a bridge has been created for our best local players to cross and join with our own senior club."

Stuart took over as secretary of the Association this year from Frank Wilson, now the NSW Amateur Federation secretary.

The latest of a long line of

## SENIOR LINK FOR JUNIORS

Gladesville-Hornsby players who have moved on to bigger things is Carlo Spina, who is now in the Leichhardt NSL squad.

Ken Clancey, the local coordinator of representative teams, said: "We are fortunate that in John McDonald we have a dedicated director of coaching."

"He will guide players to the local senior club."

The U13 representative squad is coached by Greg Kokoviadis, who holds his senior badge and for many years has played for West Pennant Hills. Brian Tindale is looking after the U14s.

The U15 squad, which is still in need of players, is being coached by Tony Clare.

Tony has had success with Gladesville-Hornsby rep teams in the past, and also coached the Federation team.

Due to the loss of players to adjoining clubs, Gladesville-Hornsby's record in the Youth League has slumped, but things are moving well once again.



**KEITH GILMOUR JS JUNIOR SCENE**

## NEPEAN JUNIORS BACK NSL

**THE Nepean District SFA is right behind Penrith City's presence in the National League.**

Association secretary Mrs Barbara Horley said: "The directors of Penrith City and the management of the Nepean Association are completely at one in their aim to have the juniors involved with the senior club."

"There will be children's six-a-side games at half-time at Cook Park, and a special day will be allocated for a grand march-past as part of the show," Mrs Horley said.

At Sunday's Wollongong game, local junior players took part in a demonstration of the American shoot-out, and for each home game two local clubs are selected to provide boys to serve as ball-boys in their full club strip.

## ALBURY WINNERS



**Albury Wodonga's winner under 10 teams from 1983 — Albury Hotspurs, league winners (top), and Wangaratta, cup winners (bottom).**

## WOMEN DESERVE RECOGNITION

BY FRANK FINLAY

**IT is always important to acknowledge the hard work of people behind the scenes in junior Soccer.**

And more often than not the people who don't get any recognition are the ladies.

I would like to pay tribute to five women who work so hard for Albury Wodonga Soccer.

Mrs Heather Morse and Mrs Terri Cotterill, who have both been associated with the Albury Hotspurs club, are officials of the Albury Wodonga Soccer Association.

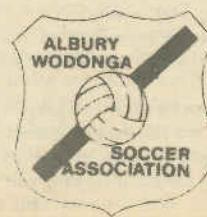
Mrs Jenny Barlow wrote a new chapter in the history book of the Wodonga Twin

City club when she was elected the first lady president of the club this year. She came to Australia in 1965 from England, where she was an avid West Ham supporter.

Mrs Pat Muellner is secretary of the Referees' Association, and she is a "watchdog" guarding the dignity and integrity of her referees.

My wife, Helen, had no say in the matter when it came to her becoming a Soccer fan. She currently serves as junior rep coordinator for the Association.

On behalf of all people associated with Soccer in the Border region, I say thank-you to these women for their dedication.



**GLADESVILLE-HORNSBY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION REQUIRE UNDER 15 YOUTH LEAGUE PLAYERS**  
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# ILLAWARRA'S WINNING UNDER 14s

THE Illawarra area has always been noted as a major junior Soccer nursery, and the Wollongong Wolves-Illawarra Under 14 Youth League team has some outstanding prospects.

The team has been extremely successful in past seasons, and has remained virtually unchanted since

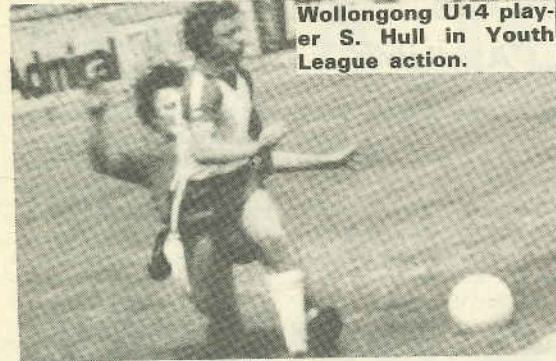
being initially selected as Under 10s.

They have won Metropolitan and State Championships, and four players were selected in last year's NSW State Under 13 team.

The boys attended the Johnny Warren Soccer Academy in January in preparation for the 1984 season, and have won their first three Youth League games — one by 18-0.

Coach is Ross Warren from Kiama and manager is Brian Batt from Thirroul.

Wollongong U14 player S. Hull in Youth League action.



BACK ROW (from left): R. Warren (coach), M. Del Ben, J. Warren, M. Bonetig, I. Padewski, S. Hull, J. Allport, C. Curtin, G. Classen, B. Bott (manager).  
FRONT ROW: M. Troth, J. Higgs, S. Hawkin, J. Balatsos, S. Beattie, P. Bott, A. Algie, R. Perri.

## ENTER NOW

### SERDERON THE PLASTIC MAN PRIZE

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## YOUTH LEAGUE

	U13	U14	U15	U16
GROUP A				
Baulk Hills v St George	0-2	3-4	1-3	1-9
Croatia v Illawarra	0-2	0-3	1-3	2-0
Ku-ring-gai v Apia	1-4	2-2	1-5	0-6
Melita v Macarthur	3-1	2-1	0-3	2-0
GROUP B				
Rockdale v Cant-M'ville	0-1	0-4	1-4	0-3

All other games were washed out. Times and places of the replayed matches will be advised at a latter date.

## WHERE TO NOW?

A VERY talented junior playing in Sydney decided he'd like to change clubs.

He attended training with another club and was asked by the team manager why he wanted to leave his present club.

"I hate the club and I hate the

coach, and I'd like to play for you," was the kid's reply.

So the manager decided to do the right thing and have a chat with the boy's father.

Turns out Dad was president of the club the boy hated so much — and he was also the coach of his team!

## NEW CLINIC FOR SPORTS INJURIES

BY DON BALMAIN

A SPORTS medicine clinic was opened in Sydney recently to cater for sports injuries, assessments of athletes in their chosen field and after care of injuries.

The clinic is situated in the picturesque setting on the Western side of the Narrabeen Sports and Recreation Centre.

The recreation centre, itself is a huge complex, catering for a large number of sports including Soccer, has a large live-in area complete with kitchen and is available for training camps and seminars.

Although no public transport passes the door, the centre is readily accessible by road with parking available in the grounds.

The clinic is built on a single level without any steps either at the entrance or within the complex.

This has been done deliberately so that accident victims in wheel chairs are able to pass freely into any section.

The eastern side of the building contains offices for the doctors and physiotherapists who will be in residence and a large room containing exercise couches which takes up one quarter of the building.

The western half of the building is taken up entirely with a large exercise room in which are various testing apparatus machines.

The building is well ventilated and, according to Ian Collier, one of the resident physios, will accommodate thirty people engaged in various activities at the one time.

Both of the physiotherapists who will be on call at the clinic are very well known in Manly-Warringah and north side of the harbour.

They are Ian Collier, a man who has had intensive work with women Soccer players and was the attendant physio to the team, which travelled to Noumea for the New Caledonian Cup last year.

Greg Craig, himself a Soccer player, has an extensive practice and has built up a following from the Rugby codes in the area.

Two sports medicine doctors will be in attendance as well and eventually, the clinic will be open seven days a week from 7 am to 7 pm.

All sports injuries will be treated at the centre with emphasis being on preventative treatment.

There will be four sections of treatment at the centre.

The first will be advice on pre-training methods, the means of preventing injuries and the best ways that a coach can supervise his team to prevent damage to his players.

The assessment of a player's capabilities and the stress factor in players is incorporated in the second phase.

Treatment of the actual sports injury and the repairing of damage to players will be a big factor in the third stage.

In the final section, the emphasis will be on the restoration of the player back to his or her physical fitness before the injury.

At this stage, with more equipment being installed continually, it is hoped to have the unit fully operational in April.

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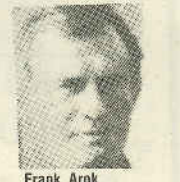
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## AUSTRALIA'S WOMEN INTERNATIONALS



### 9. VICKY SALMONS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

**TODAY we look at Australia's top goalkeeper, NSW custodian Vicky Salmons.**

Vicky, "Saff" to her team-mates made her debut for Australia last November in the first Oceania Cup tournament, in Noumea.

She is strong built, yet her physique is deceptive she is very agile between the posts.

She prowls the net like a caged lion, ready to spring into action.

Two of her saves in Noumea, were absolutely world class. Both were against New Zealand.

One of them was in the 0-0 draw in the first match of the tournament with only four minutes left.

Kiwi skipper, Alison Grant, crossed from the left to find midfielder Maureen Jacobson free on the back post, five metres out. She climbed high and crashed her powerful header right on target. When a goal looked on "Saff" sprang across to her left to pull off a remarkable save that would have done justice to even Peter Shilton.

### PERSONAL BRIEF

**BORN:** October 20, 1960.

**BIRTHPLACE:** Darlinghurst, Sydney.

**HEIGHT:** 5'5.

**CLUBS PLAYED FOR:** Killarney Heights, Forest. Represented NSW & Australia in 1983.

**PLAYING POSITION:** Goalkeeper.

**OCCUPATION:** Clerk with E.H. O'Brien (Yellow Pages).

**FAVOURITE WOMEN'S PLAYER:** Toni McMahon (Central Coast's goalkeeper) and Julie Dolan.

**FAVOURITE MALE PLAYER:** Jimmy Patikas.

**FAVOURITE OVERSEAS PLAYER:** England goalkeeper Peter Shilton.

**AMBITIONS:** To become a permanent member of the Australian team.

**NUMBER OF CAPS FOR AUSTRALIA:** Two in New Caledonia 1983.

**MOST MEMORABLE MATCH PLAYED:** The club final in 1979 Killarney Vs Newport. The match went into a Shoot-out and I managed to block out all five shots. I also scored the winning goal. This match was one I will never forget.

**WHAT SHOULD BE DONE TO IMPROVE WOMEN'S SOCCER?:** Our game needs much more media exposure. We need TV coverage, even if it is only five minute clips every week. The Australian public doesn't know they have a women's team at national level. As well, we could do with some professional administrators to help get us world recognition.

**MOST INFLUENTIAL PERSON IN YOUR SOCCER CAREER?:** Jim Selby, Australia's national coach, and Tom Petrov, coach of NSW.

**FAVOURITE HATES IN WOMEN'S SOCCER:** We don't have a good image as far as femininity goes. I prefer people to see us first, then judge. Also I am frustrated that we are not recognised as a top sport in this country.

**OBVIOUS REMEDIES:** People who are influential in the media, with top positions, should try and get involved to support us. Better promotions and definitely some sponsorships.

## CHRISTINE 'RULES' IN TURPIN FAMILY

**IF it had not been for an argument with her brothers about an English referee's decision on television, our first international woman referee might still be just a player.**

Christine Turpin did not start playing Soccer until 11.

Her father, well known in the Canterbury district for training younger Soccer teams, had a team in training about the time Christine thought she would take more than just an academic interest in the sport.

But Christine, although terribly keen and able to read the game as well as any boy, was not allowed to become a player.

Eventually, her dad's team was short of a player and she was allowed to take the field to make up the numbers.

Playing at right full-back, Chris had a wonderful time and never looked back.

She began playing Soccer with the Roselands club in the Canterbury Association. She was eventually selected to play in the district representative side in a competition organised by the NSW Women's Association.

Chris returned to play club Soccer after the representative side folded and turned out for Roselands and the Punchbowl clubs.

Now, after six years, Christine still plays for the Roselands club but as a centre-half.

She feels, however, that this could be her last year as a player. "I am getting sick of trying to avoid the late tackles now," she said.

Christine obtained her grade three refereeing ticket under challenging circumstances.

English "Match of the Day", on television, used to claim the attention of her Soccer-loving family. One particular incident had Christine agreeing with the decision of the referee, a move which caused her brothers to cast aspersions on her Soccer knowledge. One of them suggested that if she knew so much, she should go for her ticket.

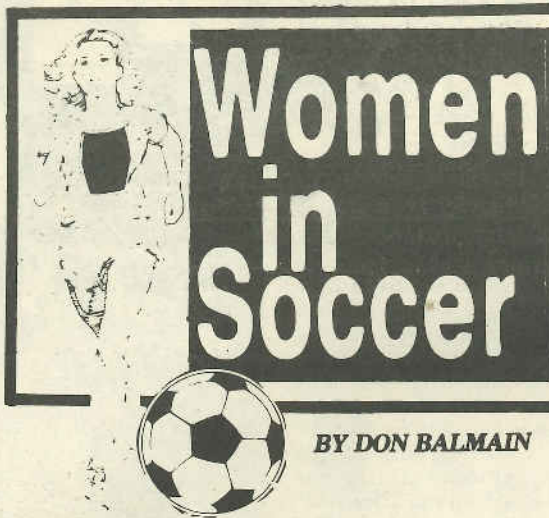
Christine, chin jutting in defiance, took up the challenge and later in the year, under refereeing instructors Harry Friday and Les Rae, she began her training.

Encouraged by her instructors, Christine passed,

### TERRITORY SQUAD

**Graham Rees president of the Northern Territory Women's Soccer Association, has announced the NT side to play in the first Under 17 competition to be held in Darwin at the end of the month.**

Sue O'Reilly (Alice Springs); Dianne Ellis, Leenora Celani, Karen Schofield, Michelle Ahmatt, Genina Corpus, Roslyn Solien, Anna Almeida, Rosetta Cubillo (Darwin); Samatha Drew (Alice Springs); Evonne Errington, Grace De Castro, Sarah Cooper, Kerin Soucy, Mildred Cubillo (Darwin); Michelle Bennett (Alice Springs); Katrim Criddle, Terry Ellis (Darwin).



BY DON BALMAIN

starting her refereeing climb to the top.

### Incidents

She was given a KO final to run as her first job.

The following year she progressed from junior games through to the Under 16s.

After performing as a grade 3 referee for six years, Christine was regraded as a second grade referee which meant that she could run the centre in All Age and Premier League games.

I asked her if she could recall any incidents.

She laughed and said that one game vividly came to mind.

"Both teams were concentrating on scoring. I was watching where the ball was going when suddenly a player charged into me from behind. He did not see me and was following the ball.

I went down flat on my back and he fell right on top of me," she recalled.

"He struggled to his feet, swearing and apologising at the same time. I just could not move. I was still on the ground, helpless with laughter."

How did you manage refereeing women's games, especially as you too, were a player?

"In my first women's grand final, I got the impression that the girls in the team were viewing me with a certain amount of distrust," Christine said.

"After all, I had played against them in club games and I guess they did not know what to expect."

Asked how she came to get into the big-time of women's football refereeing, Christine said that her mentor, Harry Friday had to nominate a male referee for a boy's championship and nominated her as well for the National women's championship in 1981 which that year was held in Sydney.

I was absolutely terrified and before the game I kept prowling around the referee's room, waiting for it to start," she said.

"What made matters worse, apart from it being my first women's championship, was that I was set down to control the first game of the day before all those people."

She remembered quite well, that the game was between two of the top

pionships in Brisbane came around.

NSW accepted her application and, in late August, a much more relaxed Christine Turpin flew to Brisbane for her 10 day stint on the field.

### Available

Christine had the first game to control in Brisbane.

She was not as nervous this time.

Last year, Christine said she was very pleased when the president of the AWSA, Elaine Watson, rang her and asked if she would be available to travel to the Oceania Cup as the Australian referee with the national team.

"I jumped at the chance of refereeing my first international, Chris said.

"It was quite a feather in my cap."

Her boss the general manager of Grace Brothers at Roselands, knew of her involvement in Soccer and willingly gave time off work.

In the big Magenta Stadium in Noumea, she led

the teams onto the field as the referee for the opening game of the Oceania Cup.

### Impressed

Chris said that it was quite strange as she took the field with one linesman who could not speak English and other linesman who could just manage "hullo" and "good-bye".

One of her cherished ambitions is to referee an international match in Sydney.

"Women's Soccer is advancing all the time but, it would advance a lot more if people at the top gave the girls the support they really need," she said.

"Good coaching is something that is sorely needed. We have the ideal coach in Jim Selby, but he cannot be expected to be everywhere in Australia. If we had more men like him to coach the girls, the game would improve."

Christine would like to see some of the better women's teams playing games before NSL matches. She felt that the public still regard women's games as "kick and giggle".

"Women's Soccer is a serious sport and that's what we have to prove to people," she said.



**Sisters Helen and Louise Green look as if they've had a hard game playing for Pymble but our picture was taken just before kick-off! The other picture shows the "dressing room" used by the Pymble girls.**



# EMILIO A REAL SUPERSTAR STRIKER IS GOAL HUNGRY

REAL MADRID claims it has found a superstar of the future in 20-year-old Emilio Butragueno.

The striker started for Real's reserve team, Castilla, scoring 21 goals in 19 matches.

Emilio was then given a game for Spain's Under 21 team and got the only goal in a 1-0 win over Holland.

Alfredo Di Stefano, Real's manager, called the boy into his first team squad to play Cadiz but had

him on the bench. Real were losing 2-0 at half-time and facing ignominious defeat against

the bottom team in the table when Di Stefano decided to throw on Emilio.

The youngster quickly scored and then laid on the equaliser for a team-mate.

With one minute to go, Emilio Butragueno grabbed the winning goal for Real Madrid.

## MEXICO SEARCHES FOR A TOP COACH

MEXICO is desperate to do well in the 1986 World Cup after being chosen by FIFA to stage the finals.

Right now, the Mexican Football Association is searching for a top coach to guide the national team.

Top of their list is Tele Santana, who guided Brazil in the 1982 World Cup. The problem is how

do they lure Tele from Saudi Arabia where he is earning huge cash?

If Mexico cannot sign the Brazilian, their next choice

is Cesar Luis Menotti, who won the 1978 World Cup with Argentina and a third choice is Yugoslavia's talented Miljan Miljanic.

## FACING A LONG REST

FIorentina midfielder Antognoni has been ruled "no hope" of being fit before next season, following a very serious fibula and tibia fracture.

This seems to rule out any chance of Antognoni playing for Fiorentina in Australia this year ... if Fiorentina agree to come.

At 29, Antognoni has had to overcome several bad injuries and, more than once, was rumoured to be out of action permanently.

## ANOTHER COACH IS RUBBED OUT

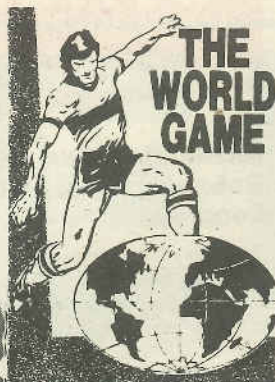
IF you think coaches in Australia have a short life, how about the situation in Spain, one of the world's great footballing nations?

When Valencia were knocked out of the Spanish Cup by second division Castilla, they sacked coach Paquito within hours of the match.

This was Valencia's sixth change of coach in 18 months — hardly a club where coaches qualify for long service medals!



ZICO (left)



## ZICO GETS CASH

BRAZIL'S Zico has become richer by \$450,000 after threatening to take his former club, Flamengo, to court.

Zico claimed the cash was owing as part of his share of the transfer fee Flamengo received from Italy's Udinese club. Zico has been a big hit with Udinese and is well worth the money he has now picked up from Flamengo.



Brazil's Eder in a happy mood after scoring a World Cup goal.

## THREE MONTHS FOR EDER

FIFA has suspended seven Brazilian players, including the super left-winger Eder, for three months.

The players have been suspended because they took part in an unofficial tour of South East Asia before Christmas.

Those on the banned list are Edevaldo, Romerito, Rodriguez, Carlos Alberto, Rodrigues Neto, Jaime Nielsen and the biggest of them all, Eder.

As reported in ASW, the Brazilian players had a great time on their Asian trip, returning home with plenty of excess baggage in the way of gifts. Now they must pay the price for their holiday.

## OVERSEAS RESULTS

### W. GERMANY

Brunswick v Hamburg	0-0
Mannheim v Ein F'urt	1-1
Bochum v Nuremberg	2-0
M'gladbach v Bay Munich	3-0
Bielefeld v L'kusen	3-0
Cologne v Stuttgart	2-2
D'dorf v Uerdingen	1-1
Offenbach v Dortmund	0-0
W Bremen v K'lautern	1-1

### FRANCE

Brest v S'bourg	0-0
Metz v Bordeaux	0-0
Monaco v Sochaux	1-1
Auxerre v Lille	2-0
Paris SG v Nimes	0-0
Toulon v Toulouse	3-2
Lens v Nantes	2-2
Laval v Rouen	0-0
Bastia v Rennes	2-1
S Etienne v Nancy	1-0

Rapid v Vo Linz	6-0
Fav Ac v Innsbruck	0-0
Lask v Aus Vienna	1-4
St Veit v St Graz	2-1
Salzburg v Neusiedl	5-1
Ad Wacker v K'turt	1-1
Gak v Wels	(walkover) 3-0
Aus Vienna	14 3 2 54 14 31
Rapid	12 5 2 43 15 29
St Graz	12 3 4 39 24 27
Lask	11 4 4 35 20 26

### HOLLAND

Hel Sport v Roda Jc	3-2
Willem II v Ds '79	0-1
Pec Zwo v Sp R'dam	1-1
Haarlem v Ga Eagles	3-1
F Sittard v Psv	1-2
Den Bosch v Utrecht	3-0
Volendam v Ex R'dam	1-3
Feyenoord v Az '67	5-2
Groningen v Ajax	1-5

### ITALY

Ascoli v Roma	0-0
F'ina v AC Milan	2-2
Inter v Genoa	1-1
Juventus v Catania	2-0
Lazio v Torino	1-0
Napoli v Verona	1-0
S'doria v A'lino	0-1
Udinese v Pisa	2-1

### E. GERMANY

Dy Dresden v R-W Erfurt	5-1
Un Berlin v Ch Halle	6-1
M'burg v L Leipzig	2-1
C-Z Jena v Wis Ave	2-1
K-M Stadt v H Rostock	2-1
Ch Leipzig v Dy Berlin	1-2
Vo F'urt v St Riesa	3-0

### POLAND

Gdynia v Z S'wiec	0-0
Katowice v Lks Lodz	2-0
P S'zecin v Gorn Zab	1-0
R Chorzow v Leg Warsaw	1-1
Szom Byt v Lec Poznan	1-1
Sl W'claw v Cr Krakow	2-1
Wid Lodz v Mo Lublin	0-0
Wis Krakow v Gorn Wal	1-0
Lech Pozn	11 3 4 30 11 25
P Szczecin	11 2 5 30 12 24
Gorn Wal	11 2 5 31 15 24
Wid Lodz	7 9 2 23 14 23
Mo Lublin	7 7 4 14 11 21

### N. IRELAND

Bangor v Linfield	1-4
C'ville v P'down	0-1
C'raige v Newry	4-1
D'illery v Carrick	3-2
Glenavon v Ards	2-1
G'toran v B'mena	0-0
Larne v C'ders	2-1

### YUGOSLAVIA

Vardar Sk v Hajduk	2-0
Vel Most v Vinkovci	0-0
Red Star v Rad Nis	2-1
Osijek v Sl Tuzla	2-1
Cel Zen v Zel S'jevo	0-1
Sarajevo v Titograd	0-2
V'dina NS v Pristina	3-0
Oli L'jana v Partizan	0-0
Di Zagreb v Rijeka	3-3

### AUSTRIA

E'stadt v Wien SC	1-2
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## DANES FLY EAST

DENMARK, rank outsiders for this year's European Championship, have had a warm-up tour of the Middle East.

Their 19-man squad spent 10 days playing in the

United Arab Emirates and Qatar.

IN the 1984 Copa Brazil, most of the top teams qualified for the second phase, but one famous side,

Cruzeiro, was beaten in the first phase.

IT'S a two-horse race for top goalscoring spot in the Italian first division.

Platini of Juventus with 18 goals and Zico (Udinese) with 17 have left the rest of the field well behind.

GET with the strength! Six of Saudi Arabia's top 10 teams are coached by Brazilians. Champions are Al Hali, managed by Brazil's Tele Santana.

COMMODORE, the computer firm, is interested in sponsoring West Germany's top team, Bayern Munich, but it'll have to pay plenty.

Bayern have asked \$2,250,000 on a three-year contract to wear the name Commodore on their jerseys.

URUGUAY will play international matches in June against Brazil and Argentina. Venue for the games is Montevideo.

THE champion team in Nigeria is Shooting Stars. In Mauritius the title has been won by Fire Brigade. And Madagascar's champion side is Dynamo de Fima Antananarivo. Thought you'd be interested.

## JUNIOR JOINS THE ITALIANS

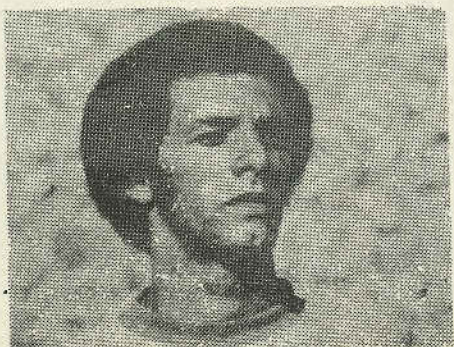
IT needed \$2,500,000 to take Junior from Brazil to Italy.

Junior, one of the greatest attacking full-backs football has ever seen, left Flamengo to sign for Napoli.

Flamengo will be paid \$1,300,000 while Junior also gets \$1,200,000.

Although there were many marvellous players in Brazil's 1982 World Cup team in Spain, some good judges rated Junior the best of the lot.

Napoli has bought well.





# HODDLE SHOULD BE ENGLAND CAPTAIN

ALAN HUDSON, who recently joined Stoke City from Chelsea, claims Glenn Hoddle of Spurs ought to be England's captain.

Hudson believes players like Hoddle, who show outstanding talents, are often treated badly in England.

Said Hudson: "England's only world-class player at the moment is goalkeeper Peter Shilton — which just

about sums up the state of English football. Every nation in the world concentrates on grooming outstanding forwards — but not us. We've had some, like Stan Bowles and Rodney Marsh, but they suffered because they had

something special." Discussing Glenn Hoddle, he added: "It annoys

me when Hoddle comes under the hammer. Glenn should have been made cap-

tain of England long ago to set an example for kids to follow."

## WHAT DID HE MEAN?

ALAN HUDSON, who has been on loan to Stoke City from Chelsea, has now been transferred to the Potteries club for \$40,000.

He was involved in some acrimony with Chelsea, mainly because he could not get a regular first-team berth.

When Hudson signed for Stoke, Chelsea chairman Ken Bates produced a double-edge sword with this farwell comment: "We wish Alan all the best and hope his performances on the field are matched by his behaviour off it."

You can take that any way you like.

## GREAT DAY FOR SOME IRISH!

GREAT rivalry between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, on and off the field, is highlighted by their matches in the European Youth Championship.

Locals are still celebrating in Dublin after the Republic had a smash hit 3-0 win over their Northern Ireland neighbours.

That should be good enough to take the southerners through to the finals in Russia in June — although they still face a second leg of the match in Belfast.

## THEY DON'T HAVE STRONGEST TEAM!

MORE flak has been aimed at England team boss Bobby Robson ... this time by "Sunday People" columnist Mike Langley.

Langley is demanding that England use their forthcoming international matches to blood new, young, talent.

He writes: "Only hours

after England's 2-0 defeat by France, Robson was talking about turning out his strongest team against Northern Ireland. We haven't got a strongest team!

If we had, it wouldn't be needed against the Irish."

Robson is getting similar advice from many people. They claim the defence badly needs revamping because it has caved in against class forwards like Denmark's Olsen, France's Platini and Germany's Rummenigge.

The critics also want to know what an England striking duo of Francis and Mariner which was not good enough in the 1982 World Cup in Spain, is still regarded as the best — two years after England's World Cup failure.



BOBBY ROBSON



IAN RUSH

## ANOTHER SCORING RUSH

IAN RUSH, is the first division's goalscoring sensation, getting goals almost every week to shoot Liverpool towards another championship.

Not so well known is his brother, Steve Rush, a 23-year-old who has been playing in non-league football in Wales.

But Steve also has his

eyes on Football League glamour. He has been having trials with Leeds United and hopes to be signed soon.

Steve Rush is one of the most prolific goalscorers in minor football — which is not surprising in view of his brother's super goal sense.

## LINEKER TARGET FOR BIG TWO

WHENEVER a talented player hits the headlines, it seems inevitable that the "big two" Liverpool and Manchester United will start chasing him.

The latest target for these teams is Leicester City striker, Gary Lineker.

Leicester boss Gordon Milne is angry about talk that he could sell the player.

"We are rebuilding the side around our young players and we want to go ahead — not backwards," said Milne, adding, "we are not interested in any offers for Gary."

It's a mark of the lad's ability that he has already scored 15 goals, even though he didn't play in the first three months of the season," said the Leicester manager.

## GEORGE STAYS PUT

GEORGE GRAHAM, former Arsenal and Manchester United midfielder, has signed a new contract with Millwall which will keep him with the London club until the end of 1986-87 season.

But George is unhappy about one thing — Millwall's poor image in football.

"Quality players just don't want to come here," he said.

"They are put off by the bad publicity we've had and I don't think the team can go anywhere until this reputation improves," added Graham.

## TANNADICE BOSS CALLS FOR SUMMER SOCCER

JIM McLEAN, manager of Scottish champions, Dundee United, is the latest club boss to call for summer Soccer.

Certainly, Scotland has an ideal climate for playing

football during the summer — and terrible weather for winter football.

McLean's club played only once during the month of January — with their other matches all cancelled due to weather conditions.

"I can't understand the stupidity of playing in the winter when people are much happier sitting by their fires and watching television," said McLean.

The Dundee United manager believes football in Scotland is improving because the competition is very keen.

"The biggest boost for the sport would be to ensure we play in good conditions all the time — and that means in summer," he concluded.

## WEST BROM PAY OUT

WHEN West Brom decided to bring in Johnny Giles, Nobby Stiles and Norman Hunter and sack Ron Wylie and his assistant Mike Kelly, the back-room changes cost the club nearly \$400,000.

That's a lot of compensation from a club which is reported to be hard up.



## FLYNN STEPS ASIDE

KEVIN RATCLIFFE of Everton is the new captain of the Welsh international side.

He replaces Burnley's Brian Flynn as skipper.

Flynn was responsible for two missed scoring chances when Wales played Yugoslavia and this seems to be the reason for his relegation.

But the Burnley player, who has represented Wales 64 times, could gain benefit from missing out on the captaincy.

As Wales team boss Mike England says: "I want to take the captaincy responsibilities off Brian's shoulders so he can concentrate on his own game."



BRIAN FLYNN

## UK tables

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Manchester Utd	32	18	10	4	63	31	64			
Liverpool	32	18	9	5	51	24	63			
Notts Forest	32	17	5	10	55	35	56			
Southampton	31	16	7	8	39	29	55			
West Ham	32	16	6	10	51	36	54			
QPR	33	16	5	12	51	29	53			
Watford	33	14	6	13	69	59	48			
Aston Villa	33	13	9	11	48	49	48			
Tottenham	33	13	8	12	52	51	47			
Luton	33	13	8	12	45	45	47			
Arsenal	33	13	6	14	54	48	45			
Norwich	32	11	10	11	35	35	43			
Birmingham	33	11	8	14	33	37	41			
Everton	31	10	11	10	28	34	41			
Leicester	33	10	10	13	53	54	40			
Coventry	33	10	10	13	45	49	40			
West Bromwich	32	11	6	15	37	49	39			
Sunderland	33	9	11	13	32	44	38			
Stoke	33	9	8	16	30	54	35			
Swansea	33	9	6	18	38	50	33			
Notts County	32	7	8	17	40	60	29			
Wolverhampton	32	5	9	18	25	63	24			
ENGLISH DIVISION TWO										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Chelsea	33	18	11	4	66	34	65			
Sheff Wed	31	19	8	4	59	28	65			
Newcastle	32	18	6	8	64	45	60			
Carlisle	33	16	11	6	40	23	59			
Manchester City	33	17	8	8	52	38	59			
Grimsby	21	15	11	6	49	37	56			
Blackburn	33	14	13	6	46	37	55			
Charlton	33	14	9	10	44	46	51			
Brighton	33	13	8	12	54	44	47			
Leeds	32	13	7	12	42	43	46			
Huddersfield	32	11	11	10	41	38	44			
Portsmouth	33	12	5	16	55	47	41			
Fulham	33	10	11	12	48	42	41			
Cardiff	32	13	2	17	41	48	41			
Shrewsbury	33	10	10	13	34	45	40			
Middlesbrough	33	9	10	14	32	37	37			
Oldham	32	10	7	16	37	57	37			
Barnsley	32	10	6	16	43	45	36			
Crystal Palace	32	9	9	14	32	39	36			
Derby	32	7	8	17	27	56	29			
Swansea	33	5	7	21	29	64	22			
Cambridge	33	2	8	23	22	64	14			
ENGLISH DIVISION THREE										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Oxford	35	22	6	7	73	42	72			
Wimbledon	36	19	8	9	80	62	65			
Sheff United	36	18	10	8	69	44	64			
Walsall	36	18	8	10	57	49	62			
Hull	33	16	12	5	51	28	60			
Bristol Rovers	35	17	9	9	53	39	60			
Bolton	35	16	9	10	48	38	57			
Burnley	34	15	11	8	65	37	56			
Orient	35	15	8	12	52	55	53			
Gillingham	33	15	7	11	55	51	52			
Millwall	36	13	12	11	52	53	51			
Lincoln	36	14	7	15	48	50	49			
Bradford	32	13	9	10	57	48	48			
Newport	34	12	12	10	49	59	48			
Wigan	34	12	9	13	36	44	45			
Preston	35	11	9	15	52	49	42			
Plymouth	33	10	8	15	40	45	38			
Bournemouth	35	10	5	20	44	61	35			
Brentford	36	7	12	17	50	67	33			
Port Vale	34	8	6	20	36	64	30			
Southend	34	6	11	17	41	60	29			
Scunthorpe	32	5	14	13	37	58	29			
Rotherham	32	7	6	19	32	49	27			
Exeter	35	5	10	20	43	68	25			
ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
York	35	23	6	6	74	33	75			
Doncaster	36	18	12	6	63	45	66			
Reading	37	17	12	8	69	47	63			
Bristol City	37	18	8	11	55	37	62			
Aldershot	36	18	7	11	60	55	61			
Blackpool	34	17	6	11	54	35	57			
Colchester	34	14	12	8	54	34	54			
Peterborough	36	14	11	11	55	36	53			
Tranmere	36	13	14	9	46	36	53			
Stockport	35	14	8	13	50	49	50			
Crawley	35	14	8	13	47	53	50			
Chesterfield	37	12	13	12	44	47	49			
Swindon	36	12	12	12	47	42	48			
Torquay	36	12	11	13	46	54	47			
Northampton	37	12	11	14	43	54	47			
Bury	36	11	12	13	50	49	45			
Hereford	36	11	12	13	40	41	45			
Darlington	33	11	5	17	30	38	38			
Wrexham	35	8	12	15	41	55	36			
Rochdale	36	8	12	16	44	62	36			
Halifax	36	8	11	17	37	65	35			
Hartlepool	35	9	6	20	38	67	33			
Mansfield	34	7	10	17	43	61	31			
Chester	36	5	11	20	37	69	26			
SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Aberdeen	24	19	3	2	61	12	41			
Celtic	26	15	5	6	60	32	35			
Dundee United	23	14	5	4	46	22	33			
Rangers	26	12	6	8	42	32	30			
Hearts	27	9	9	9	32	41	27			
St Mirren	28	7	12	9	40	41	26			
Hibernian	30	10	4	16	38	49	24			
Dundee	25	8	2	15	34	52	18			
St Johnstone	28	8	1	19	27	68	17			
Motherwell	27	3	7	17	23	54	13			
SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Dumbarton	32	16	10	6	53	35	42			
Morton	32	15	11	6	61	41	41			</